

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
PUBLIC DEFENDER DIVISION
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Position Posting

**DISTRICT COURT ATTORNEY
Hyannis District Court Office**

The Public Defender Division of CPCS is seeking an attorney with a minimum of one year of experience providing criminal defense representation for its District Court office in Hyannis. The District Court offices provide legal representation and advocacy to indigent clients who are charged with criminal offenses within the final jurisdiction of the District Court. Public Defenders represent clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies, see G.L. c.218, §26, including some serious sexual offenses, and occasionally handle initial commitment proceedings under G.L. c.123, §§12(e), 35.

Responsibilities

- client interviews;
- arraignment and bail advocacy;
- legal research and writing;
- pretrial investigation including visiting crime scenes, locating and interviewing witnesses, collecting and reviewing documentary evidence;
- preparing and arguing pretrial motions, affidavits and legal memoranda;
- dispositional investigations and advocacy;
- jury and bench trials of criminal cases;
- representation of clients in interlocutory proceedings; and
- where appropriate, work collaboratively with private attorneys on cases assigned through the Private Counsel Division of CPCS.

Requirements

The following attributes are required for the position of District Court Attorney:

- eligible to practice law in Massachusetts either as a member of the Massachusetts bar in good standing or as the member of the bar of another jurisdiction eligible to engage in limited Massachusetts practice under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04;
- a minimum of one year of experience providing criminal defense representation;
- a demonstrated commitment to the principle of zealous advocacy in the representation of indigent persons in criminal cases;
- strong interpersonal and analytical skills;

- ability to work in a community and defense-oriented capacity, both independently and collaboratively;
- commitment to working with a culturally diverse, low-income population; and
- access to an automobile in order to travel to courts, clients, and investigation locations that are not easily accessible by public transportation.

Salary

The salary for this position is based on experience. The minimum salary for the position is \$40,000.

Anticipated Start Date

The anticipated start date is on or about February 27, 2011.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates should submit: (a) a resume, and (b) a cover letter, as separate attachments, to HyannisDistCtAttny@publiccounsel.net. The subject of the e-mail must state “Hyannis Dist Ct Atty.”

Pursuant to Chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011, the FY12 General Appropriations Act, priority will be given to attorneys who are current members of a CPCS Private Counsel Division County Bar Advocate Program.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2012, but may be accepted until the position is filled.

The Committee for Public Counsel Services is an equal opportunity employer.

The agency actively seeks to diversify its workforce

Date of posting: January 17, 2012