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Position Posting JUVENILE APPEALS SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

The Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services is seeking a full-time attorney with at least five years of relevant experience to write and oversee appeals in delinquency and youthful offender cases. The Youth Advocacy Department (YAD), the juvenile defender department of CPCS, is committed to ensuring that every indigent child in Massachusetts has access to zealous legal representation in delinquency and youthful offender cases from a diverse and ever improving community of juvenile defenders consisting of both private appointed counsel and staff public defenders. YAD provides leadership, training, support, and oversight to the indigent juvenile defense bar in Massachusetts.

This position will be responsible for writing juvenile appeals and amicus briefs, assigning juvenile appeals, training and overseeing a panel of appellate attorneys with juvenile expertise, and assisting lawyers in the trial court in preserving and litigating difficult issues. The Juvenile Appeals Supervising Attorney will work closely with the YAD Director, Assistant Director, Trial Panel Director, and Training Director. This position will also collaborate with the Private Counsel and Public Defender Division Appeals Units.

Responsibilities

- Representing clients in interlocutory proceedings, on direct appeal, and in other related proceedings
- Writing and/or organizing amicus briefs
- Creating, training, and managing a specialized juvenile appeals panel, including assigning juvenile appeals
- Providing assistance to YAD trial attorneys (private and staff) on trial court level cases
- Providing training to YAD (private and staff) attorneys

Requirements

Candidates must have at least five years of experience as an attorney handling criminal cases, and must be eligible to practice law in this jurisdiction as a member of the Massachusetts bar in good standing, or as an attorney in another jurisdiction who is eligible to engage in limited Massachusetts practice under Supreme Judicial Court Rule **3:04**. Candidates must also be able to work in a defense-oriented capacity, both independently and collaboratively, and be committed to working with a culturally diverse, low-income population. Candidates must possess excellent writing and oral advocacy skills. Candidates must have access to a vehicle and be prepared to appear in court or conduct trainings around the state.

Applications will be strengthened by experience handling delinquency and/or youthful offender cases in the trial court or on appeal, training experience, and/or supervisory experience.

Salary:

The salary for this position is based on experience.

Application:

Persons interested in being considered for the staff attorney positions should submit a written statement of interest, resume, writing sample, and three references. Applications should be submitted electronically by February 10, 2012, to:

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This office is an equal opportunity employer.

The agency actively seeks to diversify its workforce.

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