



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*Committee for Public Counsel Services*

*Mental Health Litigation Division*

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## **Mental Health Litigation Division – Regional Coordinators Sought for FY 2016**

Regional Coordinators:

- Provide advice and technical assistance to assigned counsel in mental health proceedings
- Review and monitoring the performance of assigned counsel informally and through performance assessments,
- Investigate complaints regarding attorney performance
- Present eight (8) hours of continuing legal education programs
- Hold regular meetings of panel attorneys
- Serve as liaison between assigned counsel, the Division and the local courts
- Assist in the Mental Health Panel recertification process, including courtroom observation.
- Participate in regular Regional Coordinators meetings and submit written quarterly reports detailing their activities
- These are contractual positions and the total hours under each will vary according to location and the number of assigned counsel served.
- **Applicants must possess the following minimum qualifications:**
  - ✓ Membership in the Massachusetts bar.
  - ✓ CPCS Mental Health Litigation certification.
  - ✓ Extensive trial experience, with a minimum of 5 years mental health litigation experience.
  - ✓ The ability to maintain good relationships with attorneys and judicial personnel.
  - ✓ Due to the changing nature of mental health panel representation, extensive Probate Court guardianship practice on behalf of Respondents and familiarity with Probate Court procedure is preferred.

**11 Positions are available across the Commonwealth.**

**If you have questions and to apply, please send by email a statement of interest, a current resume, a writing sample, and the names of two references by June 9, 2015 to:**

**Karen Owen Talley, Assistant Director [ktalley@publiccounsel.net](mailto:ktalley@publiccounsel.net).**

**Please indicate the counties in which you prefer to provide coordination.**