

From the “City of Five Flags” to the powdery white sand beaches of South Walton, the Gulf of Mexico beaches are known for natural beauty, gorgeous emerald waters and abundant sunshine. U.S. News ranks Destin #1 in “Best Florida Beaches” and Pensacola #5 in “Best Places to Live in Florida”. HGTV ranks Walton County Beaches in top 20, while MSN Insider names DeFuniak Springs “the best small town in Florida.” Beach Life. Deep Gulf water fishing. State Park canoeing and camping. Minor League Baseball. Southern Professional Hockey League. Come live your best life where some only vacation.

PUBLIC DEFENDER offices in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton Counties are seeking attorneys to handle misdemeanor, and/or juvenile cases. Excellent opportunity to gain trial experience. We provide extensive training, such as Public Defender College (basic and advanced), Prosecutor/Public Defender Training Program, and CLE approved training. Generous benefits include State retirement system and health/hospitalization, life, and disability insurance coverage. Prefer Florida Bar members. Send resume to Bruce Miller, Public Defender, P.O. Box 12666, Pensacola, Florida 32591-2666 or email to humanresources@pd1.fl.gov.

Must be a member of The Florida Bar in good standing.

The Public Defender's Office is responsible for providing legal counsel, when appointed by the Court, to those accused of criminal offenses who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

The duties of an Assistant Public Defender [Attorney] include:

Representation of indigent persons charged with crimes, including felonies, misdemeanors and traffic cases for which a sentence of incarceration may be imposed, in all phases of the criminal process from arraignment to post-conviction or appellate relief.

Meeting with clients after arrest and obtain their history to make bond arguments to the court. Preparing pre-trial motions such as Notice of Discovery, Motions to Suppress Evidence, and Motions to Dismiss, which are required to be filed and setting hearings to ensure that they are carried out properly. Preparing post-trial matters such as motions to withdraw pleas, motions to reconsider sentence and post-conviction petitions.

Interviewing and counseling defendants to discuss the appropriate actions to be taken and which, if any, pre-trial motions should be filed.

Maintaining working relationship with clients in person, by phone and by mail contact.

Investigating the alleged crime or offense by meeting with witnesses, police officers and reviewing the facts, including depositions.

Performing as trial counsel by representing defendants during courtroom proceedings. Researching case law, communicating with defendant to determine trial strategy such as cross-examination procedures, witness selection, jury selection, testimony decisions and opening and closing arguments.

Optional methods of submitting applications directly to employer:

E-MAIL: humanresources@pd1.fl.gov

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