Trial Attorney: Mobile County, Alabama Public Defender

Expected salary: 60,000-70,000, DOE

5+ years experience required

The candidate will provide zealous representation to indigent defendants in the District and Circuit Courts of the State’s 13th Judicial Circuit (Mobile County). Provide zealous, professional legal representation to his/her clients in all court proceedings related to the charged offense(s); Communicates with the court, opposing counsel, probation officers, witnesses, clients and the families of clients concerning case-related issues; Maintains in-depth and updated knowledge of criminal defense trial practices and case law. Develops expertise with state sentencing guidelines, understands the ethical obligations and restrictions, and practices courtroom advocacy. Pursues all appropriate available training opportunities including local or nationally sponsored core training within the limits of funding, workload and Defender approval; Constant development of knowledge of criminal defense practices in the State of Alabama, including Circuit procedures, controlling state and federal precedent, and client protection strategies; Research and preparation of all appropriate motions and supporting documents for submission to District and Circuit courts; Prepares legal memoranda, reviews of issues, comprehensive statements of relevant facts, standards of review, and briefs complex legal and factual arguments. Consults with investigative and legal staff regarding issues relevant to the case; Analyzes reports and statements and determines relevant legal issues. Determines the need for an evidentiary hearing and prepares evidence for presentation; Performs legal research utilizing all available resources including computer-assisted legal research tools. Research includes state and federal statutes, case law, regulations, precedents, treaties, sentencing guidelines, and related subject matter. Analyzes legal decisions, opinions, rulings, memoranda and related legal materials. Compiles and summarizes substantive information on statutes, treaties and specific legal subjects, Updates research and prepares for oral presentation of evidence. Prioritizes issues, analyzes difficulties of the case and prepares responses to possible adverse arguments; and 5+ years of trial experience, preferably criminal are required. A certificate of admission to, and good standing before, the Bar of the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama. Applicants from other jurisdictions and local law school graduates must gain admission prior to beginning work. Proficiency in Spanish is highly desired.

Contact with CV and cover letter expressing applicant’s interest in indigent defense:

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