



## REPUBLIC OF PALAU

### Ministry of State

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Assistant Public Defender*

The Republic of Palau, an island nation in the Western Pacific, is seeking applicants for an Assistant Public Defender position.

Palau's legal system is based on the United States federal law and English is one of the official languages. Work is diverse and challenging in a relaxed yet professional atmosphere. Candidates should have strong analytical, writing and interpersonal skills with an ability to adapt well to cultural differences. The successful applicant should be ready to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases ranging from serious felonies to misdemeanor citations and appeals.

General duties and responsibilities:

- Assist the Chief Public Defender in his/her administrative duties;
- Provide criminal defense to all indigent persons in the Republic of Palau;
- Time and resources permitting, provide original defense to all indigent persons in the Republic of Palau who seek counsel on civil matters;
- Procure evidence for and conduct and defend suits in proceedings before the courts on behalf of indigent citizens of the Republic of Palau;
- Represent indigent citizens of the Republic of Palau, and time and resources permitting, defend other civil actions where Palauan citizens are parties;
- Assist the Chief Public Defender in planning and developing the annual budget of the Office of the Public Defender and submit the same to the Office of the President for approval through the Ministry of State.

Membership in good standing in a state/national bar is required. Applicant must have graduated from an ABA approved law school and appellate experience is preferable.

Salary ranges from \$45, 748.00 to \$47,526.00 plus benefits including a housing stipend, roundtrip airfare and limited shipping of household effects.

Send a cover letter, resume and three references (with letters of recommendation available is requested) by email to [palaupd@gmail.com](mailto:palaupd@gmail.com). Application will be on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Review of application will begin immediately.