

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Writ and Appeals Attorney

The Office of the Los Angeles Independent Defender Program (IDP) at the Los Angeles County Bar Association is accepting applications for a writs and appeals attorney. The IDP is a nationally recognized, award-winning program of the Los Angeles County Bar Association providing oversight and legal support for appointed counsel who represent adults and youth charged with crimes in Los Angeles County. IDP has historically provided aggressive and robust appellate support for our attorneys, and it is seen as integral to our model and mission.

The IDP writs and appeals attorney consults with and provides technical assistance to panel attorneys handling adult and juvenile matters. In this supporting role, the attorney stays abreast of changes in criminal and delinquency law. In addition to playing a supporting role, this attorney will serve as co-counsel, filing briefs on behalf of individual clients in concert with the attorney of record. The attorney will develop sample pleadings and template briefing on relevant issues for use by panel attorneys, disseminate updates to panel attorneys on relevant legal developments and assist with litigation. They will work with the executive staff and the Post-Conviction Coordinating attorney to develop and present trainings to panel attorneys on legal developments as well best practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- JD from an ABA accredited law school and 5 or more years of criminal defense experience,
- Strong working understanding of California criminal and delinquency law as it relates to interlocutory and appellate relief in California state criminal courts.
- Demonstrated excellence as an advocate with strong oral and written communication skills.

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Successful candidates will be energetic, self-starters who work well in a team environment with an interest in social justice and/or criminal legal reform. Successful candidates will be comfortable litigating on behalf of clients in trial and appellate courts and must be effective coaching and advising criminal defense attorneys. Successful candidates must be familiar with Adobe, the Microsoft Office suite, particularly Word and Excel.

We provide a comprehensive employee benefits package in addition to a competitive salary determined by the candidate's qualifications. We will be considering applications beginning now until the position is filled. Formal review will begin January 2, 2023.

Please email a resume, writing sample and cover letter to job@lacba.org. For more information about the IDP, please go to: www.lacba.org/idp