

## **Fulton County Contract Public Defender**

The Fulton County Public Defender's Office is accepting applications for a contract public defender position. Please send applications to the program administrator, MacKenzie Breitenstein, at [mbreit@breitensteinlaw.com](mailto:mbreit@breitensteinlaw.com).

The Fulton County Public Defender program includes four full-time contracts. The County has one Circuit Court and one Superior Court, and public defenders appear in front of both courts depending on specific case assignments.

Title: Full-time Public Defender

Contract status: Independent Contractor

Compensation: \$96,000.00 annually

### **PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

Prepares and presents legal defense of indigent persons for whom the relevant Court appoints a public defender. Position is responsible for all phases of trial defense as qualified, which include defending matters to a jury or to the Judge.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Reviews charging information, probable cause affidavits, CHINS/TPR petitions, juvenile delinquency petitions, and other relevant petitions and discovery tendered by the State of Indiana.
- Meets with clients that have been appointed a public defender to ascertain facts, potential evidence, and exploration of potential legal defenses. Said meetings may occur in penal facilities, such as the Fulton County Jail.
- Interviews potential witnesses in a client's matter. Said interviews may be in the form of depositions or non-stenographic recorded interviews, when appropriate.
- Interacts and negotiates with the State of Indiana, when appropriate.
- Appears and represents the client at all necessary Court hearings, up to and including trial by jury, when appropriate.
- Prepares appropriate legal motions, briefs, petitions, and other relevant pleadings.

### **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Bachelor's Degree
- Doctor of Jurisprudence
- Must have an unlimited license to practice law in the State of Indiana
- Must meet the qualifications for all levels of trial defense, juvenile delinquency defense, and CHINS/TPR defense as required by the Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys
- Ability to effectively and tactfully deal with other people, which encompasses staff of the Fulton County Public Defender's Office, Judges, judicial staff, representatives from the State of Indiana, staff at penal facilities, and the public at large
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing
- Knowledge of constitutional law, criminal law, Indiana traffic law, juvenile delinquency law, and CHINS/TPR law
- Ability to represent clients at all phases of a case, including at a trial by jury

- Ability to make effective use of legal references and other research tools
- Knowledge of Court procedures, provisions, rules, and precedent
- Ability to separate relevant data and facts from irrelevant data and facts when assessing proposed evidence
- Ability to represent the Fulton County Public Defender's Office maintaining appropriate Standards
- **Ability to consistently be present within Fulton County, Indiana, and appear regularly, in person, in front of the courts of Fulton County, Indiana**