



The Public Defender of Indiana is accepting applications for an attorney position. The office provides legal representation to indigent incarcerated men, women, and children in state court post-conviction proceedings, seeking to have convictions and adjudications vacated, or sentences corrected.

Deputy Public Defenders litigate meritorious post-conviction claims both in the trial court and on appeal, and occasionally present oral argument in the Indiana appellate courts. The office provides an intellectually challenging and collaborative atmosphere, and a flexible work schedule. A new Deputy receives extensive training by experienced attorneys.

Deputy Public Defenders have autonomy over their caseloads and can expect to primarily represent clients who have been convicted of major felonies. As a Deputy Public Defender, you would have a balanced mix of varied responsibilities, including client interaction and counseling, document review and legal research, legal writing, field investigation, and litigation in trial and appellate courts. The collective work of the office results in significant relief granted to clients each year, such as correction of erroneous sentences or overturning of convictions or sentences where statutory or constitutional violations exist or where newly discovered evidence requires relief. Our litigation in Indiana's appellate courts has resulted in notable and significant appellate opinions that continue to shape the criminal justice system.

The ideal candidate will be able to thrive in a collaborative team environment, work efficiently and independently, and have a passion to serve indigent clients in order to make Indiana a place of greater justice.

The starting annual salary is \$74,000. Employees receive a standard State of Indiana benefits package, including but not limited to health, dental, vision and life insurance; paid vacation, sick, and personal days; and parking. The office is a non-partisan agency and an equal opportunity employer.

Applications will be accepted through April 4, 2025, or until the position is filled. Law students graduating in 2025 are welcome to apply. Indiana is a Uniform Bar Exam state. Applicants should submit a resume, writing sample, law school transcripts and three professional references to The Public Defender of Indiana c/o Barbara Bowden, Executive Assistant, at bbowden@pdo.in.gov.