



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 vacate unlawful convictions and adjudications or correct erroneous sentences.

Deputy Public Defenders litigate post-conviction actions both in the trial court and the Indiana appellate courts and occasionally present oral argument. The office provides an intellectually challenging and collaborative atmosphere, and a flexible work schedule. New Deputies receive extensive training from experienced attorneys.

Deputy Public Defenders maintain autonomy over their caseloads and primarily represent clients convicted of major felonies. The position involves a balanced combination of client interaction and counseling, document review and legal research and writing, field investigation, and litigation in trial and appellate courts. The Office's work results in meaningful relief for clients each year including correction of unlawful sentences and reversal of convictions or sentences where statutory or constitutional violations exist or where newly discovered evidence warrants relief. Our litigation in Indiana's appellate courts has resulted in notable appellate opinions that continue to shape the criminal justice system.

The ideal candidate will excel in a collaborative team environment, work efficiently and independently, and demonstrate a strong commitment to serving indigent clients and advancing justice.

The starting annual salary is \$74,170. 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 October 30, 2026, or until the position is filled. Law students graduating in 2027 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.