

Job Announcement

State Capital Postconviction Public Defender

The State of Arizona is seeking a highly qualified attorney to serve as the State Capital Postconviction Public Defender.

Job Summary

The State Capital Postconviction Public Defender supervises the operation, activities, policies and procedures of the State Capital Postconviction Public Defender Office, including submitting an annual operation budget to the Arizona State Legislature and allocating personnel and resources to postconviction relief proceedings. The Office is responsible for providing representation for any person who is not financially able to employ counsel in post conviction relief proceedings in state court after a judgment of death has been rendered.

Required Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of Arizona or become a member of the State Bar of Arizona within one year after appointment;
- Member of the State Bar of Arizona or admitted to practice in any other state for the five years immediately preceding the appointment;
- Substantial experience in the representation of accused or convicted persons in criminal or juvenile proceedings;
- Have practiced in the areas of state criminal appeals or postconviction proceedings in which a death sentence was imposed within three years immediately preceding the appointment and have prior experience as lead counsel in the appeal of a felony conviction and a trial or postconviction proceeding with an evidentiary hearing;
- Must have successfully completed, within one year prior to appointment, relevant training or educational programs in the area of capital and criminal defense (see Rule 6.8, AZ Rules of Criminal Procedure for specific hours);
- Knowledge of legal research methodology (computer and manual) and legal principles and their application;
- Knowledge relative to the scope and character of death penalty law, Arizona Criminal Code, Rules of Evidence, Federal Habeas Corpus, Constitutional Law, Appellate and Post Conviction Procedure and familiarity with performance standards in 2003 American Bar Association Guidelines;
- Ability to perform demanding and complex legal research; to write in a concise and succinct manner sufficient to explain a complex point of law in simple terms and to apply precedents to new facts; and
- Superior interpersonal skills to include oral advocacy

The State Capital Postconviction Public Defender shall be appointed by the Governor pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, sections 41-4301, 41-4302 and 38-211, with a salary of \$98,132.

Please send a cover letter and resume by the close of business, July 15, 2011. Applicants must apply on-line at www.azstatejobs.gov.

This position is not covered under the State Merit System.

Effective January 1, 2008 all newly hired employees are subject to the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification Program.

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