The Division of Public Defender Services is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Connecticut Innocence Project/Post-Conviction Unit.

The Director manages the Division’s post-conviction practice which includes two Units, the habeas corpus unit, which provides representation in conviction based habeas corpus and other post-conviction matters and the Connecticut Innocence Project (CTIP) which handles matters impacting actual innocence, and wrongful conviction. The Division has a separate Appellate Unit which handles appeals. The Director oversees a staff which includes Attorneys, Paralegals, Investigators and Support Staff. The Director’s role includes handling an active case load and serving as a resource to staff. The Director advises the Chief Public Defender and Deputy Chief Public Defender on matters impacting actual innocence, wrongful convictions and habeas issues, including development and implementation of legislation, policies and procedures relating to post-conviction practice and overall criminal justice reform. The Director develops alliances and partnerships with State and National criminal justice and post-conviction stakeholders. This Unit is a member of the Innocence Network, a coalition of Innocence Organizations in the fifty States and abroad. The mission of the Unit is to investigate cases of wrongly convicted individuals and seek their exoneration.

**Salary** $162,490 with full State benefits

**Overview of Qualifications**

A law degree from an accredited law school and admitted to the Connecticut Bar and have been actively practicing for at least ten (10) years of which includes extensive experience in criminal defense trial work.

**Application Process**

Applicants must follow the following instructions in submitting their interest in this position:

1. **Cover letter and employment application**, which can be obtained by clicking on this [employment application](#).

2. **Current resume and Attorney Questionnaire**, which can be obtained by clicking on this [Attorney Questionnaire](#)
3. **References:** Up to Three written professional recent references. Only references submitted with the application package will be considered. Applicants ARE NOT to have references make phone calls or direct letters to Commission Members. Additional references for further contact may be included on the Attorney Questionnaire.

4. **Brief Response to the Following Supplemental Information**

   a. Describe how your experience and background relates to this position, please provide specific examples.
   b. Describe your management/supervisory and/or leadership experience.
   c. Provide an example of how you worked with internal and external stakeholders successfully.
   d. Please describe what you see as the top three challenges facing the Connecticut Innocence Project/Post-conviction Unit.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKAGE AS ONE SCANNED DOCUMENT.**

Applications will be accepted via email only and should be submitted to:

Diane Fitzpatrick, Director of Human Resources
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Questions 860-509-6432

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AT OCTOBER 9, 2020**

*Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*