



CT Public Defenders

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC **DEPUTY ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER** **COMPLEX LITIGATION UNIT - OCPD**

The Office of the Chief Public Defender's Complex Litigation Unit (CLU) is a specialty unit that serves as a resource for the Division of Public Defender Services. The CLU seeks to protect the constitutional and statutory rights of Division clients through litigating complex and emerging issues; keeping abreast of and challenging forensic evidence/expert testimony (for example, DNA, ballistics, cell phones/towers, digital evidence); and consulting/strategizing with attorneys across the Division, including increasing both the use of forensic experts and challenging to the admissibility of evidence.

Applications are being accepted for a Deputy Assistant Public Defender at the Complex Litigation Unit. The successful candidate's duties will include obtaining/increasing knowledge about forensic sciences and law enforcement investigative/evidence-gathering technologies; applying that knowledge to support Division attorneys relative to developing and advancing case-related strategies and legal challenges (e.g., discovery issues, admissibility and suppression claims, defense theories); researching, drafting, and arguing substantive pleadings; conducting evidentiary hearings and trials; factual investigation and case theory development; engaging with experts and other outside consultants; and training presentations. The successful candidate will have excellent research and writing skills, be a creative and persuasive advocate, and enjoy working collaboratively.

Qualifications: Candidates must be admitted to the Connecticut Bar. While both trial experience and experience with forensic issues and/or a scientific background are preferred, candidates of all experience levels will be considered for this position.

Starting Salary: \$93,275 - \$138,503 based on experience in the practice of criminal law; full State benefits.

Application Process: Applicants must submit Employment Application, Letter of Interest, Resume, Attorney Application Supplement, Attorney Reference form, and a writing sample.

Internal Applicants are required to submit an updated Attorney Application Supplement, Letter of Interest, Attorney References, and Resume.

All forms can be obtained from our website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/OCPD/Employment/Employment-Opportunities>

ALL APPLICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE DOCUMENT PACKAGE and emailed to OCPDHR@pds.ct.gov and Todd.Bussert@pds.ct.gov no later than May 20, 2026.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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Applications by members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.