

CT Public Defenders

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC **DEPUTY ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER** **CHILD PROTECTION - PARENT DEFENSE**

Applications are being accepted for a Deputy Assistant Public Defender for the Child Protection (CP) Parent Defense team reporting to the Supervisory Assistant Public Defender of Parent Defense. The CP Parent Defense team of attorneys and support staff is focused on bringing the highest quality representation to indigent parents in complex child protection matters throughout the state. The team is responsible for handling child protection trial court cases and appeals statewide. The team provides training, trial observation and consultation for other public defenders and Assigned Counsel handling child protection.

The position will have statewide responsibilities, but it is anticipated that the attorney will be placed in Middletown and/or Hartford. The Deputy Assistant Public Defender will be required to travel around the state as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities: Defend indigent clients; advise clients of rights and responsibilities; appear with and for clients at all court hearings; review, evaluate and determine legal motions, pleas and other legal action on behalf of clients; negotiate with Judges and other agencies; assist individuals impacted by mental illness and substance abuse; order investigations and subpoenas; request social work services; study and interpret laws, court decisions and other legal authorities; transport, quickly read, analyze and comprehend numerous files, including those related to complex cases, under tight deadlines and in crowded and noisy environment; interview witnesses; prepare briefs, motions and other legal documents; represent clients at trials; keep up to date on developments in law practice and attend training; develop and maintain relationships with outside agencies. Perform other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Candidates must be admitted to the Connecticut Bar; preference for candidates with experience representing parents in child protection matters in the trial court and/or appellate court.

Starting Salary: \$97,998 - \$145,516 based on experience with 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 Christopher.Oakley@pds.ct.gov no later than July 24, 2026.

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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We prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, veteran status, marital status, or any other legally protected status.

Applications by members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.