DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES
EXECUTIVE JOB SEARCH
DIRECTOR OF DELINQUENCY & CHILD PROTECTION

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Open To: The Public
Location: Office of the Chief Public Defender, 30 Trinity Street, 4th FL, Hartford, CT 06106
Salary: $156,996.00, per annum plus state benefits
Closing Date: August 22, 2017

The Public Defender Services Commission is embarking on a recruitment to fill the position of Director of Delinquency & Child Protection. The Director is responsible for the statewide management of Public Defender services in the ten Juvenile Courts, Child Protection and Family Court Guardian ad Litem and Attorney for the Child and Magistrate services. The Director oversees a staff of approximately 47 including Attorneys, Social Workers, Investigators and support staff assigned to the Juvenile Courts, the Child Protection Unit and assigned counsel in juvenile delinquency, child protection, family custody and family support magistrate.

The Director of Delinquency & Child Protection advises the Chief Public Defender and plays a major role in the development and implementation of legislation, programs, policies and procedures relating to juvenile defense, child protection and family custody and family support magistrate. The Director also sits on numerous State and National task forces and committees addressing the issues of this population. In addition, the Director administers the Assigned Counsel Program for Child Protection and Family Matters. This Director level position serves as a member of the executive team of the Division and reports to the Chief Public Defender.

The mission of the Division of Public Defender Services is to provide counsel in accordance with both the United States and Connecticut Constitutions to any indigent person charged with the commission of a crime that carries a risk of incarceration. In addition, representation and guardian ad-litem services are afforded to indigent children and parents in child welfare, family, and child support matters.

Overview of Qualifications

The successful candidate must be member of Connecticut Bar and will have nine (9) years’ experience in the practice of juvenile, family and child protection law, as well as: Considerable knowledge of basic law and legal process, legal principles and practice; considerable knowledge of criminal defense litigation, constitutional law and juvenile, family and child protection law; significant experience in juvenile and child protection cases; superior oral and written communication skills; considerable interpersonal skills; considerable knowledge of legislative process; considerable knowledge and ability to apply management and supervisory principles and techniques.

Application Process:

Applicants must follow the guidelines as established in submitting their interest for this position:

1. Cover Letter
2. Current Resume and Attorney Questionnaire. External applicants must complete employment application. Employment application for external candidates and Attorney Questionnaire may be obtained from our website at http://www.ct.gov/ocpd
3. References: Up to three written professional references submitted. 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. Responses to the Following Supplemental Information:
   a) Describe how your experience and background addresses the overview of qualifications for the position, giving specific examples.
   b) Describe your management/ supervisory and 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 practice of Juvenile Defense and Child Protection

Failure to submit complete application packages or to follow the directions as stated may result in disqualification of the applicant.
Questions and Application packages will be accepted by email no later than August 22, 2017 to the following:

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