Office of the Victim Advocate

State of Connecticut

STATE VICTIM ADVOCATE

Are you an attorney who has the passion and professional experience to fulfill the role of State Victim Advocate? If so, we are seeking an attorney with extensive experience in advocating on behalf of crime victims to be the Victim Advocate at the Office of the Victim Advocate, State of Connecticut.

Connecticut assumed a national leadership role by establishing the first Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) in 1998. Its role is to advance victims' rights and promote fair and just treatment of victims throughout the criminal justice system. The OVA currently employs four staff and has an annual budget of $315,235. A seven member Advisory Committee has been charged with the responsibility to recruit and submit a list of candidates to the Governor for appointment of the Victim Advocate pursuant to Public Act 11-48, Section 68.

We Invite You to Explore This Career Opportunity

THE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Victim Advocate will enter into cooperative agreements with public and/or private agencies to further the constitutional rights of victims; receive, review, and investigate complaints concerning the actions of entities providing services to victims; review procedures and evaluate the delivery of services by state agencies and other entities as they relate to constitutional rights of victims; promote and conduct education programs to advise the public of the mission and services offered by OVA; undertake legislative advocacy on behalf of crime victims and make proposals for systemic reform; ensure a victim receives direct referrals to appropriate victim service agencies; prepare and submit an annual report as required by statute; maintain and update the OVA website with current, accurate and relevant information and appropriate resource links; be able to appear in court in order to vindicate a crime victim's constitutional or statutory rights. Within the Office of Government Accountability, the Victim Advocate is the Chief Executive of the Office of the Victim Advocate and has responsibility for formulation and execution of the office budget for planning, expenditures, personnel and staffing needs.

For more information about the Office of the Victim Advocate, please visit the OVA website at http://www.ct.gov/ova.

QUALIFICATIONS

A minimum of four years experience as an attorney; extensive knowledge and experience in advocating on behalf of crime victims; experience or working knowledge of the criminal justice system, the legislative system and process, and the ability to undertake legislative initiatives. The ideal candidate will have experience as a leader and supervisor, documented exceptional oral and written communication skills, experience as a skilled and diplomatic negotiator, and as a persuasive public speaker; experience providing direct services to victims; experience or the ability to work with the media, ability to effectively collaborate with multiple individuals and organizations.

TERM OF OFFICE: The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly, shall appoint the Victim Advocate. The person appointed Victim Advocate shall serve for a term of four years and may be reappointed.

CONNECTICUT

It's the right place to grow.
Connecticut offers a quality of life that is second to none. The unique mix of cultural diversity and traditional New England character is evident in the people and places, from historic sites and a great maritime heritage, to modern urban centers. Hartford, the capitol city, is centrally located just over two hours from the major hubs of Boston and New York City.

Connecticut is known for its beautiful rolling hills, lakes, charming small towns with white steeple churches, historic village greens and small farms. There are classic Ivy League universities, and excellent public and private schools. Connecticut is a thriving center of business, as well as a vacation land, offering a full variety of urban and rural residential settings for work and play.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Salary Range: $95,463 - $145,684. The total compensation plan includes a generous benefit package worth over 50 percent of the employee's annual salary. Benefits and options include: extensive medical and dental insurance options, long and short term disability, life insurance, excellent retirement plan, deferred compensation plan, a generous vacation plan, personal leave, sick leave, 12 paid holidays, dependent care assistance program, and medical flexible spending account program. For further information, please refer to the Connecticut Handbook for Appointed Officials at: http://das.ct.gov/hr/handbook_2011.pdf

TO APPLY

We prefer applicants to submit application materials via fax or email, so please fax or email your resume and cover letter stating how you would make a difference for the crime victims of Connecticut by 5:00 PM EST, November 5, 2012 to:

ATTN: OFFICE OF THE VICTIM ADVOCATE
c/o Debra Mainville
FAX: (860) 622-2622
OR EMAIL TO: Special.Recruitment@ct.gov

Remember: When faxing or e-mailing materials, keep a copy of your materials and the fax transmittal receipt for your records.

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AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
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