

**METROPOLITAN PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE  
NASHVILLE & DAVIDSON COUNTY**

*Invites Applications For The Position Of:*  
**Legal Secretary 1**



*An Equal Opportunity Employer*  
**\*Non-Civil Service Position\***

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**SALARY:** \$36,094.77- \$46,922.92 Annually

**ISSUE DATE:** December 7, 2017

**FINAL FILING DATE:** December 22, 2017

**THE POSITION:**

**This is a non-Civil Service announcement.** This position involves working at the reception/intake desk of the Public Defender's Office. The Public Defender's Office represents individuals accused of committing crimes in Davidson County who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. The position involves reviewing and qualifying applicants needing a public defender, and answering a multi-line phone system in a demanding legal office. The job requires maturity, patience and compassion, as well as the ability to multi-task and pay attention to detail.

**Typical duties include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Greeting and assisting potential clients and other members of the public who come to or call the office
- Screening potential clients for service eligibility, and following up appropriately
- Answering a high volume of calls on a multi-line phone system
- Operating various office machines and equipment
- Compiling and maintaining electronic and paper records and files
- Daily court run to Clerk's Office (filing motions, picking up pleadings filed and distributing them in the office)
- Basic secretarial duties for General Sessions' attorneys (printing letters, managing calendars, etc.)

**Minimum Qualification:**

- High School Diploma and three (3) years of clerical/administrative experience or two (2) years of college and one (1) year of secretarial experience in a legal field

*Candidates with accreditations earned in a foreign institute are encouraged to apply.*

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Computer and phone skills
- ***Excellent customer service skills;*** experience dealing with the public in-person and on the telephone
- Good organizational skills
- Bilingual, particularly proficiency in Spanish

**Note: Per Metro Ordinance No. SO94-1078. All employees of the Metropolitan Government shall be residents of the State of Tennessee or become residents of the state within six (6) months of employment as a prerequisite to employment with the Metropolitan Government.**

**HOW TO APPLY**

Resumes and cover letters will ONLY be accepted via e-mail and should be sent to Annette Crutchfield at [PDApplicants@jjs.nashville.org](mailto:PDApplicants@jjs.nashville.org)

*The Metropolitan Public Defender's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.*



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