



METROPOLITAN PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, INC.

Capital Crimes Attorney

Opens: February 6, 2019
Closes: March 6, 2019
Salary Range: \$85,360 - \$97,873.62 per year

This position provides court appointed criminal defense services in capital cases in various counties in Oregon. Attorneys who are assigned to a capital case will review charging instruments, police reports, and other discovery provided by the State. The attorneys will meet with clients and learn the client's goals for the representation and any special needs of the client. Attorneys then determine what further investigation to undertake and direct that investigation. Attorneys determine what legal issues need development, research those issues, and present them in the appropriate forum. The attorney will negotiate with the State and promptly advise the client of the status of the negotiations. The attorney will litigate any legal issues that are necessary and appropriate, including bringing cases to trial. The attorney will also conduct any post-trial litigation necessary such as sentencing and post-trial motions (excluding appeals).

Attorneys on the Capital Team must also be familiar with the investigation, planning, and presentation of a sentencing proceeding should one be needed after a conviction for aggravated murder in Oregon. Attorneys on the Capital Team must be able to investigate and plan this phase of the litigation simultaneously (with a dedicated team) with the culpability phase of the litigation, and should be aware of how the strategies for each phase of litigation impact each other.

Capital team attorneys must be familiar with and able to follow the ABA Guidelines for Representation in Death Penalty Cases, as well as the ABA Guidelines for Mitigation in Death Penalty Cases:

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/death_penalty_representation/resources/aba_guidelines/

<https://www.oregon.gov/opds/provider/Pages/capital-defense.aspx>

The essential duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct their law practice according to all applicable statutes, practice standards, and the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.
- Be qualified to handle death penalty cases in Oregon per OPDS requirements.
- Be familiar with death penalty cases and jurisprudence in Oregon and in the United States.
- Be familiar with the Colorado Method of jury selection in capital cases, as well as other preparations and applications unique to death penalty litigation.
- Attend regular trainings in the area of death penalty litigation.
- Be familiar with and able to follow the ABA Guidelines for Representation in Death Penalty Cases, as well as the ABA Guidelines for Mitigation in Death Penalty Cases.
- Able to work closely with team members for long periods of time as cases progress through stages of capital litigation.
- Be adept at dealing with the voluminous discovery received and generated in capital cases.
- Be skilled in the use of expert witnesses for evidentiary purposes as well as consultation.

Applicants must submit their **cover letter and resume together in one file** through MPD's electronic application system (<http://www.mpdlaw.com/capital-team-attorney/>).

Your cover letter should include the number of capital cases, murders, penalty phases and/or trials you've been a part of and identify if you were the lead or junior on that case.

A legal writing sample suitable for assessing your analytical and writing ability should be emailed directly to Kristine Constans at kconstan@mpdlaw.com