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CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

Statewide Announcement

JOB/PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 2024-002 **CLOSING DATE: July 12, 2024**

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL DUE TO HIRING RESTRICTIONS

POSITION: Assistant Deputy Public Advocate 2

LOCATION: Various Anticipated Opportunities Statewide

P30 (\$90,643.87 - \$129,354.76) **SALARY:**

DESCRIPTION: Under the jurisdiction of a Division Director in the Department of the Public Advocate, assists in the performance of all professional duties necessary to the adequate representation and protection of the public interest in proceedings concerning the division; does related work as required.

In the Division of Mental Health Advocacy. Studies, plans and advises on the more complex legal issues relating to representing indigent persons concerning their admission to, retention in, or release from confinement in a hospital, institution, or facility; or concerning a class action on behalf of such persons. Supervises the investigation of the financial status of clients as the circumstances warrant. Conducts complex litigation in representing persons admitted to a mental hospital, as individuals or as a class.

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited law school with a Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree.

EXPERIENCE: Requires a minimum of two (2) years of applicable legal experience as an Attorney-At-Law. Preferred candidates will have at least five (5) years of experience for Attorneys hired at this title level.

LICENSE: Appointees must be licensed as an Attorney-At-Law in the State of New Jersey.

NOTE: Criteria shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: Knowledge of legal proceedings and trial practices, ability to interview clients to gather and analyze information; ability to understand and analyze criminal law procedure and evidence; ability to prepare pleas, motions and legal briefs pertaining to clients' cases.

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RESIDENCY LAW: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act" which became effective September 1, 2011, all persons newly hired by the Executive Branch on or after the date shall have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain, principal residence in the State of New Jersey. New Jersey state employees hired prior to September 1, 2011, who transferred from within the Executive Branch or from another State of New Jersey appointing authority without a break in service greater than seven days but who reside outside the State of New Jersey are not required to change their principal residence to New Jersey in order to comply with the Act.

RESUME SUBMITTAL: Interested candidates possessing the requirements listed above, should forward a current resume and cover letter via email to OPD.Recruitment@opd.nj.gov. (Note: Include the announcement number and title in the subject line and please note in your cover letter all geographical location preferences) to:

William Wander, Director of Human Resources Office of the Public Defender P.O. Box 850 Trenton, NJ 08625-0850

*Special Note: This position may be eligible to work remotely for up to two days in a calendar week.

SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program visit their Website at: https://nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml, email: SAME@csc.nj.gov, or call CSC at (833) 691-0404.

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