



St. Lawrence County Public Defender Vacancy Announcement

St. Lawrence County is seeking applications for the full time position of Public Defender. The Public Defender shall administer and supervise the functions of the Public Defender's Office. The Public Defender shall represent without charge of the Court with the consent of the defendant each indigent defendant who is charged with a crime as defined by Section 722(a) of the County Law. A significant portion of the Public Defender's Office work is to provide legal support to clients in Family Court. The work involves responsibility for directing the investigation, preparation, and counsel of the defendant at every stage of the proceedings following arrest and shall initiate such proceedings as are necessary to protect the rights of the accused and may prosecute any appeals if the facts and circumstances warrant such. In addition, the Public Defender may assign professional, technical, and clerical personnel in the investigation, preparation, conduct, and appeal in any court proceedings involving indigent defendants. The work is performed under guidelines provided by law and under the supervision of the County Administrator. Does related work as required.

Suggested Minimum Qualifications: Duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York, and duly admitted to the New York State Bar AND five (5) years of paid experience practicing law, two of which must have been in criminal defense and/or Family Court or comparable experience. Administrative and supervisory experience preferred.

Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, competitive benefit package.

Applications will be accepted until close of business, Friday, February 15, 2019. Please send applications to County Administrator Ruth Doyle, St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators' Office, 48 Court Street, Canton, New York 13617. AA/EEO employer.