

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
PUBLIC DEFENDER DIVISION**

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Position Posting

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IMMIGRATION LAW SPECIALIST

The Public Defender Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) is seeking an Immigration Law Specialist to advise and train CPCS staff attorneys and court-appointed attorneys on immigration consequences of criminal cases, and to provide litigation support on issues involving the interaction between immigration enforcement and the Massachusetts criminal justice system. CPCS is a statewide agency that provides representation to indigent clients in criminal and civil cases in which there is a right to counsel. The Immigration Law Specialist will work under the direction of the Director of the Immigration Impact Unit, which provides advice, training and support to attorneys throughout Massachusetts who represent CPCS clients.

Description of Office

CPCS has offices throughout Massachusetts. This position is located in the Somerville office of CPCS, at 21 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA, near the Lechmere T station. The position involves some in-state travel and requires a valid Massachusetts drivers license and access to an automobile.

Responsibilities

The Immigration Law Specialist will work closely with the Director of the Immigration Impact Unit in the following areas:

- Developing and lecturing at training programs for CPCS staff attorneys and private court-appointed attorneys on the immigration consequences of criminal cases;
- Drafting written training materials and updates on relevant immigration law;
- Developing training programs and written materials for indigent inmates in Massachusetts penal institutions;
- Providing immigration advice and support on individual cases to CPCS staff attorneys and private court-appointed attorneys;
- Developing and maintaining a website for attorneys representing CPCS clients;

- Providing litigation support to CPCS staff attorneys, private court-appointed attorneys and indigent clients on post-conviction motions filed to minimize adverse immigration consequences; and
- Litigating cases on behalf of indigent clients in cases that involve the impact of Massachusetts criminal convictions on immigration status and the role of the state criminal justice system in the enforcement of immigration law.

Requirements

Candidates for this position must be eligible to practice law in Massachusetts, either as a member of the Massachusetts bar in good standing or as the member of the bar of another jurisdiction eligible to engage in limited Massachusetts practice under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. Prior experience in either criminal or immigration law is required. Experience in the interplay between criminal and immigration law is strongly preferred.

Candidates must have strong analytical and writing skills. Prior appellate experience is preferred. Candidates must be able to work independently and collaboratively, and must be comfortable working with culturally diverse, indigent clients. Foreign language proficiency is not required but would be beneficial.

Salary

The salary for this position is based upon experience.

Application

Interested candidates should submit (1) a resume, (2) a writing sample, and (3) a statement of interest as document attachments to an e-mail directed to ImmigrationLawSpecialist@publiccounsel.net.

Review of applications will begin on July 27, 2009, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

This office is an equal opportunity employer.