

Attorney 1 (Criminal)



Starting Salary Range: \$58,799- \$77,449
Department: Central Legal Staff
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Posting Date: 2/13/2024
Benefits: [Link to Benefits](#)

Description

This position requires significant research and writing skills for work performed with the Superior Court of Pennsylvania's Central Legal Staff. This individual must possess the ability to work both independently and as part of a statewide team, with the ability to meet deadlines. The attorney will handle matters relating to criminal law and work closely with various judicial chambers and Judges.

Typical Duties

- ✓ Review docketing statements, motions (standard and emergency), opinions circulating in Superior Court, and certified records.
- ✓ Review trial court dockets thoroughly to determine not only if any jurisdictional issues exist, but any other problems that require attention prior to listing the appeal before a merits panel.
- ✓ Prepare summaries and draft orders for review by Motions Judge.
- ✓ Prepare summaries, recommendations, and draft orders for review and votes by Motions Panel.
- ✓ Assist in research projects requested of Central Legal Staff.
- ✓ Work directly with Judges and chambers of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania to resolve various matters involving criminal cases.
- ✓ Assist in editing team members' work.
- ✓ Assist in various attorney functions in the relevant office, including, but not limited to, working with Superior Court Prothonotary's office to resolve issues pertaining to appeal docket.
- ✓ Perform related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications

- ✓ J.D. from ABA-accredited law school.
- ✓ Admitted to and in active standing with the practice of law before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Additional Qualifications/Preferences

- ✓ Familiarity with Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure and Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- ✓ Experience with criminal matters desired, but not required.
- ✓ Prior experience with or before Pennsylvania appellate courts is desired, but not required.
- ✓ Proficiency with Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, and Outlook)
- ✓ Ability to maintain a high level of integrity in the performance of job duties.
- ✓ Satisfactory criminal background check required.

How to Apply

- ✓ Apply by e-mail online at AttorneyPosition@pacourts.us. Applicants must provide a cover letter and résumé. A list of references and writing sample (fewer than 10 pages) are desirable, but not required.
- ✓ Commencement Date: February/March 2024

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