

Posting Date: February 20, 2025

Job Title: Public Defender Attorney

Location: Saunders County, Nebraska

Job Summary:

The Public Defender Attorney provides legal representation to indigent individuals charged with criminal offenses in Saunders County. This role ensures that defendants' constitutional rights are upheld throughout the legal process, from initial appearance through sentencing and appeals as necessary. The attorney will handle a diverse caseload, including felonies, Child Support/civil contempt cases, mental health cases, misdemeanors, and juvenile cases.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Legal Representation:** Represent indigent clients in criminal proceedings, including arraignments, pre-trial hearings, trials, sentencing, and appeals.
- **Case Management:** Manage a diverse caseload efficiently, ensuring timely preparation and filing of legal documents, motions, and briefs.
- **Client Consultation:** Conduct thorough interviews with clients to gather facts, explain legal procedures, and provide counsel on potential outcomes.
- **Investigation:** Collaborate with investigators, review evidence, and interview witnesses to build a robust defense strategy.
- **Court Appearance:** Advocate on behalf of clients in court proceedings, presenting evidence and arguments effectively.
- **Legal Research:** Stay informed about current laws, regulations, and legal precedents pertinent to criminal defense in Nebraska.
- **Ethical Practice:** Maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and confidentiality in all client interactions.

Qualifications:

- **Education:** Juris Doctor (JD) degree from an accredited law school.
- **Licensure:** Admission to the Nebraska State Bar Association and authorization to practice law in Nebraska.
- **Experience:** Prior experience in criminal defense or as a public defender is preferred; however, recent law graduates with a demonstrated commitment to public defense are encouraged to apply.
- **Skills:** Strong analytical, research, and communication skills; ability to work under pressure and manage multiple cases simultaneously; proficiency in legal research tools and software.

Application:

If interested, please send a letter of introduction and a resume to: **Doug Pedersen, HR Consultant,** dpedersen@hrsincorporated.com

Equal Opportunity Employer:

Saunders County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences.

Note: This job description provides a general overview of the position and is not exhaustive. Duties and responsibilities may change in response to organizational needs.