



**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF  
ATTORNEY (LEVELS I-V)**



## **OVERVIEW**

The County of Sacramento Office of the Public Defender is currently recruiting candidates for the Public Defender Attorney Level I-V positions.

The Office of the Public Defender was established in the County of Sacramento in 1948, dedicated to the principal that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without competent, professional, and vigorous representation. The Public Defender employs more than 100 attorneys and 50 investigators, social workers and support staff who work tirelessly to provide exceptional legal representation to any individual financially unable to employ counsel in adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, and mental conservatorship cases.

Sacramento County is one of the most affordable home-buying metropolitan areas in the state. Home to California's State Capitol and 1.5 million residents, the County includes seven incorporated cities: Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Isleton, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento. Sacramento County's average home price is in the \$400,000 range compared to major Bay Area counties, which range from \$900,000 (Alameda) to \$1.4 million (San Francisco).

Residents have a variety of recreational, dining and entertainment options. More than five million visitors annually enjoy the unique wildlife and recreation areas, including 15,000 acres of parks and multiple rivers. Fishing, boating and white water rafting opportunities are available to water enthusiasts, and picnic sites, golfing, guided natural and historic tours are steps away from the multi-use trail. With the region's abundance of local produce, Sacramento has become the Farm-to-Fork Capital offering plentiful farmers' markets, farm-fresh restaurants, and home-grown breweries. The area is home to professional sports teams including NBA basketball, USL Pro Soccer, and Triple-A Baseball as well as numerous cultural experiences including ballet, symphony, theater, museums, and art galleries. County residents enjoy close proximity to Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Sierra Nevada ski resorts, and Northern California's many wine regions and beaches.

## **SALARY INFORMATION**

Level I: \$9,604.80 monthly

Level II: \$11,049.00 monthly

Level III: \$12,157.42 monthly

Level IV: \$14,073.08 monthly

Level V: \$15,526.02 monthly

Sacramento County offers a generous benefits package including medical and retirement benefits as well as an additional 3.35% management differential added to the posted salary for this class.

This is a single classification with five (5) salary levels. Level I is the level at which initial appointments to Attorney - Criminal are typically made; and advancement from the lower to the higher level of the class is at the discretion of the appointing authority, provided the minimum qualifications are met.

## **EMPLOYMENT DUTIES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Duties:** Under direction, the Attorney - Criminal performs professional legal work in the Public Defender's Office involving the defense of criminal cases. The duties of an Attorney - Criminal include reading and evaluating investigative reports submitted by law enforcement agencies; using good judgement in deciding whether or how best to proceed in a given matter; conducting and/or directing additional investigation as may be necessary to competently defend contested actions in trial courts or other judicial forums; preparing and presenting evidence in those forums as well as making pertinent legal and factual arguments. Attorneys in this range must be capable, depending on their level of experience, of handling the defense of matters requiring little or no experience up to and including the most difficult, complex, and sensitive cases requiring a high degree of legal knowledge, skill, and experience.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Membership in the California State Bar. Your California State Bar license number and date of issue **MUST** be documented on your application.

**NOTE:** Please apply only after you have been issued a California State Bar number. If you are awaiting results of the Bar exam, or have a pending issuance of a State Bar number, please wait until after your number is issued to apply. If you submit an application without having a California State Bar number, you may be disqualified from the exam process.

**Probationary Period:** The probationary period for this classification is **twelve (12)** months.

## APPLICATION

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply immediately at [www.SacCountyJobs.net](http://www.SacCountyJobs.net), using the **“Attorney – Criminal (Levels I-V)”** online application. To be eligible and considered for the position, applicants **must do the following**:

1. Submit a completed online application with all required documentation by **5:00 p.m. on 10/23/20**. Applicants should carefully read the online application instructions and **must** provide a full and complete response to all questions and supplemental questions. Failure to answer all of the questions may render an applicant ineligible for the position.
2. Attach a current resume with your online application. The resume is required, but is not a substitute for answering all questions and supplemental questions on the application.

If you have questions regarding this position, please contact Alice Michel at (916) 874.3683 or ([michela@saccounty.net](mailto:michela@saccounty.net))