

FIRST ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER – CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SALARY RANGE: \$108,152.00 - \$184,594.00/YEAR + BENEFITS

The Chautauqua County Office of the Public Defender is seeking qualified applicants to fill a full-time First Assistant Public Defender vacancy out of the Mayville, NY Office. This position is full-time at 35 hours per week, Monday through Friday. As a First Assistant Public Defender, Under the general directions of the Public Defender, represents without charge or by order 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. The First Assistant Public Defender shall assist in and/or counsel and represent the defendant at every stage of the proceedings following his arrest and shall assist in the initiation and/or shall initiate such proceedings as in his judgment are necessary to protect the rights of the accused and may in his discretion prosecute any appeals if in his judgment the facts and circumstance warrant such. The First Assistant Public Defender differs from lower level Assistant Public Defenders by assignment to higher-level crimes, such as felony's, and by supervising lower-rank attorneys. Does related work as required.

Typical Work Activities:

- Assists in and/or represents and counsels defendants at every stage of the proceedings following arrest;
- Assists in and/or initiates such proceedings which are necessary to protect the rights of the accused;
- Assists in and/or prepares any appeal which is warranted under existing circumstances;
- Keeps records and make reports.

This position is being filled on a permanent basis from candidates who submit an approved application.

Chautauqua County Offers A Comprehensive Benefits Package Which Includes:

- Health Insurance (including Dental & Vision plan)
- Health Savings Account (partially funded by the County)
- Personal Days
- NYSLERS Pension
- Eligible for Federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Mileage Reimbursement when applicable
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Vacation
- NYS Deferred Compensation
- Wellness Program

Minimum Qualifications: Eligibility for admission to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at law before the courts of the State of New York at the time of application; admission to the Bar of the State of New York at the time of appointment.

Residency Note: Effective June 4, 2025, Local Law 4-25 allows qualified candidates residing in a New York State County that is contiguous to Chautauqua County, to be eligible for appointment to this title, provided however, that the appointed individual shall never be designated or authorized to act as the head of the department for any reason.