

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
Orleans Public Defender**

**Short-term Contract Attorneys**

**(Salary to be set commensurate with experience)**

**Location: Orleans Public Defender  
2700 Tulane Ave, 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
New Orleans, LA**

**Opening Date: November 1, 2006**

**Closing Date: Open until positions filled**

**Job Description:**

The Orleans Public Defender (OPD) is seeking experienced lawyers to represent OPD clients on a contractual basis. Attorneys will assist in staffing sections of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and handle the backlog of cases resulting from Hurricane Katrina. The duration of the contract will be based on agency needs and budgetary constraints. The rate of pay will be commensurate with experience.

**Qualifications Required:** J.D. from an accredited law school; membership in a State Bar; 2-3 years of criminal trial experience, and excellent research, writing, and oral persuasion skills.

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover Letter answering the following:

- Do you currently live in New Orleans? If not, are you planning to move to New Orleans and when?
- Are you currently a member of the Louisiana Bar? If not, in which state are you a member of the Bar?
- How long can you work for OPD on a contract basis?
- Your cover letter must also state why you wish to work for OPD on a contract basis and highlight relevant experience.

2. Resume

3. Three references with name, address, daytime telephone number

Mail applications to:  
OPD Contract Attorney Posting  
Meagan Reynolds, Legal Recruiting Manager  
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