

DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER I

DEFINITION:

Under supervision, to perform the less difficult legal work; to defend violations of local ordinances and misdemeanors; and to do related work as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Interviews and advises defendants and witnesses with regard to criminal complaints;
- Studies, interprets, and applies laws, court decisions and other legal authorities for use in the preparation of cases, opinions, and briefs;
- Presents cases before inferior courts and occasionally the Superior Court;
- Defends inebriacy, insanity and narcotic petitions;
- Confers with investigators regarding the collection of facts.

OTHER FUNCTIONS:

- Performs other job-related duties as required.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Applicant must be licensed by the California State Bar;

Knowledge of: the principles of law and their application, including criminal law; trial procedure and the rules of evidence; legal research methods;

Ability to: travel to locations outside of the regular office to perform necessary legal services; present statements of fact, law and argument clearly and logically; maintain effective working relationships with others; evaluate people and to obtain information through interrogation.

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