

Position Announcement: THE MULTI-COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

**THE GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER STANDARDS COUNCIL
SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE MULTI-COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

The Office of the Multi-County Public Defender was created to undertake the defense of indigent persons charged with a capital felony for which the death penalty is being sought in any court in Georgia. (O.C.G.A. '17-12-101)

Effective January 1, 2005, the Office of the Multi-County Public Defender shall become The Office of the Georgia Capital Defender, which will be responsible by statute for the defense of all indigent persons who are charged with a capital felony for which the death penalty is being sought in any court in Georgia. (O.C.G.A. '17-12-121)

The Director of the Office of the Multi-County Public Defender (and The Office of the Georgia Capital Defender beginning January 1, 2005) shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. **The Director must have been licensed to practice law in Georgia for at least five years and must be competent to counsel and defend a person charged with a capital felony.** The salary of the Director shall be established by the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. (O.C.G.A. '17-12-105)

The Director must meet the qualifications to sit as lead counsel as outlined in the Georgia Court Rules and Procedures, Unified Appeal (effective January 27, 2000) which include criteria for lead counsel at a death penalty trial or direct appeal.

The Director should have experience in law firm or law office administration and in the supervision of criminal trial attorneys. The Director must also have significant expertise in writing and teaching about state and federal law regarding the death penalty as well as significant experience in training lawyers to defend death penalty cases.

The Director **cannot** engage in the private practice of law.

To apply, submit a cover letter and current resume to:

Matthew Rubenstein, Interim Director
Multicounty Public Defender
104 Marietta Street, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30303

Closing Date: Friday, February 6, 2004. Applications received after 5:00 PM on that date will not be considered.

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