



PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER OF LOUISIANA

LAFAYETTE, LA



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SPECIFIC SKILLS REQUIRED OR NEEDED IN YOUR OFFICE?

- Social Work
- Investigation
- Fluent in Spanish

OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN YOUR OFFICE?

62

23 Full Time
39 Contract

WHAT ARE SOME POPULAR ATTRACTIONS TO VISIT IN THE CITY?

- Cajun culture
- Mardi Gras
- Swamp Tours
- Short drive to New Orleans

OF GIDEON'S PROMISE LAWYERS IN YOUR OFFICE?

10

TYPE OF CASES THE FELLOW(S) WILL HANDLE?

- Juvenile
- City Courts
- Felony
- Child Neglect
- Probration Revocation
- DWI
- Misdemeanors
- Educational Records
- Summarizing Medical

IMPORTANT FACTS SHARED BY THE CHIEF:

The 15th Judicial District Public Defender serves the fourth or fifth largest population in Louisiana districts, over three parishes (counties) which includes two rural communities of about 65,000 population and an urban center of some 250,000 including a university located in Lafayette. There are opportunities in juvenile justice, felony litigation, bail reform, and penalty mitigation. Louisiana has a system of review for interlocutory rulings so there is some work available for invoking supervisory jurisdiction to challenge trial court rulings.

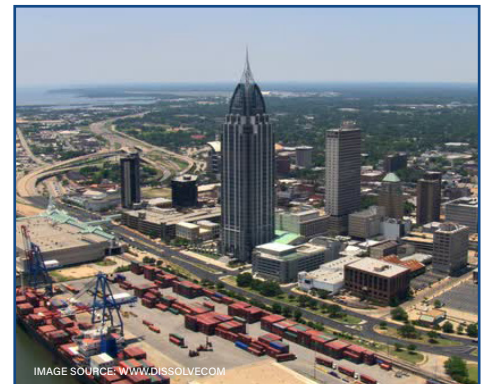
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WORDS FROM THE CHIEF:

"We are not a totally top down office. We support our fellows whose career goals include leaving us after three years to continue the work. You are part of a team that is open to your ideas and welcomes your contribution to improving what we do and how [we do it]. Everyone who comes to the 15th is looked upon as a contributor to our growth and improvement. This means that we solicit your views about our office and the system of 'justice' in our jurisdiction. We are looking for ways to do things better and so we welcome the chance to gain from your experience here by listening to your views as an outsider interested in the law. Some of our best strategies have originated in this way. The 15th is in the heart of "Acadiana" where many of the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia ended up after the Grand Derangement, during which British Troops loaded people onto ships, divided families and they set sail without plans or destinations. <http://www.acadian-cajun.com/exile.htm> The result was a unique culture including African American and French heritage which became "Creole Louisiana". This culture offers a rich tradition of music, food and a "joyful life" greatly influenced by the Acadians' experience in Nova Scotia joining the Native American residents of the colony, marrying and embracing local culture. We continue to see the influence of French culture in the music from across the world that grew in varied forms and is memorialized in festivals here in Lafayette where those influences come to life in "Festivals Acadienne" <http://www.festivalsacadiens.com/> and "Festival International" <https://festivalinternational.org/>. The celebration of Mardi Gras here shares those same multi-cultural influences in crews of widely varied subcultural groups, welcomed by the community and embraced by their diversity."

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