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YOUR OFFICE?

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DIFFERENT UNITS
WITHIN THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER OFFICE?

- Juvenile
- Misdemeanor
- Felony
- Non-Support
- Attorney & Client Advocate

* Juvenile - Represents clients in delinquency and child in need of care.

* Attorney & Client Advocate - This team works with clients from the initial appearance until arraignment.

ARE RESOURCES, SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT ACCESSIBLE TO THE STAFF ATTORNEYS?

YES

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SKILLS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN YOUR OFFICE?

Not especially, but lawyers who are fluent in Spanish are always welcomed.

POPULAR ATTRACTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS TO VISIT WHILE IN YOUR CITY

While Covington, LA is a small town, we are only 30 minutes from New Orleans.

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT DISTINGUISHES THE CLIENTS IN YOUR JURISDICTION? (I.E. LARGE NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION, LARGE SPANISH-SPEAKING POPULATION, ETC)?

While over 50% of our clients are persons of color, the overall population of the district is approximately 85% white.

WHAT MAKES PRACTICING IN YOUR JURISDICTION UNIQUELY CHALLENGING? (I.E. HARSH DRUG LAWS, ETC.)

We have a very aggressive Sheriff's office and District Attorney. In addition, our judges are more interested in moving cases than actually allowing attorneys the opportunity to adequately investigate and work the files. The District Attorney accepts a high percentage of cases in screening and will push cases even though the case may be weak. Given the racial make up of the district, the State is more than willing to allow a jury to decide. Despite this, our attorneys have an excellent trial record. Last year we has 19 jury trial and were able to secure 5 not guilty verdicts.

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