



# PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

## HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

CINCINNATI, OH



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### Do you have specific skills that are required or needed in the office?

We seek lawyers who are client centered and align with our mission. We expect our lawyers and staff will treat every client with dignity, fight for justice and give our client's hope every day.

### Are resources, such as availability of experts and investigative support, accessible to staff attorneys?

Every division has investigators on staff to support our lawyers. We may request the use of experts on a case by case basis.

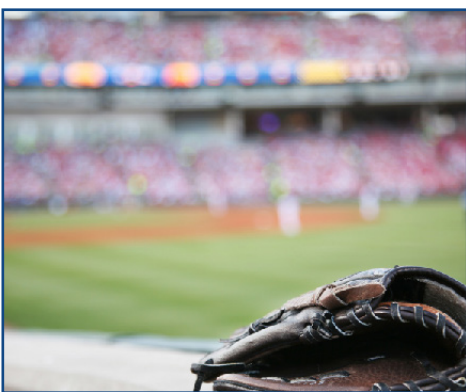
### What makes practicing in your jurisdiction uniquely challenging?

Deference to police officers and lack of discovery. We have a high volume of cases that go to trial.

### What are the different units in your public defender office?

Juvenile, Appellate, Municipal, Felony, Guardian Ad Litem Divisions

\*Within our executive division, we have a mitigation and client relations specialist. Our juvenile division recently added social workers to their team.



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**Does your public defender office have any formal community partnerships or special projects? If so, please describe the partnership, program, or project.**

Our office is an integral part of a working group on bail bond reform. We've partnered with community organizations and prominent lawyers to challenge monetary bails set in our arraignment court. We hope to end the practice of monetary bond for misdemeanor offenses.

Our office runs Fresh Start Expungement Clinic. The clinic operates the first and third Wednesday of the month and is staffed, voluntarily, by lawyers from our office. We help adults seal their records in an effort to ease the collateral consequences of convictions and arrests.

**Is there anything that distinguishes the clients in your jurisdiction?**

Cincinnati is ground zero of the heroin epidemic and it colors our client's struggles and case outcomes. Cincinnati and Hamilton County is unique in that two worlds converge here. Some of our client's suffer the unique hardships of Appalachian poverty. But, for many they still have scars from the race riots that took place in downtown Cincinnati in 2001.

**What are some popular attractions for attorneys to visit while in your city?**

We have professional sports teams, MLB team Cincinnati Reds and MLS team FC Cincinnati, we have a beautiful riverfront, a thriving arts community, and many exciting neighborhoods to explore. Cincinnati also has many places to hike, kayak, and enjoy the outdoors. There are outdoor festivals and concerts all summer long. We have many award winning neighborhood breweries, (Did you know Sam Adams beer is brewed in Cincinnati and not Boston? The Bourbon Trail starts in our backyard.

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