



# PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

## OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MONTGOMERY, AL

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**# of Gideon's Promise trained attorneys in the office?**

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

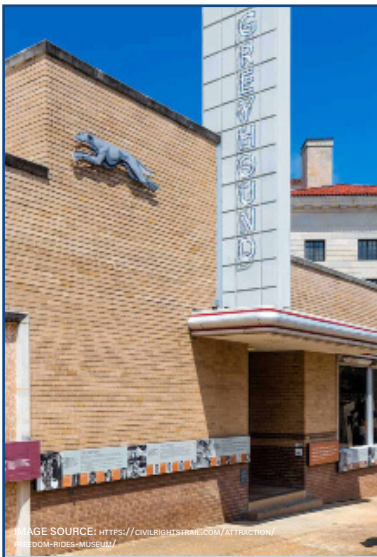
Harsh sentencing laws and most charges being felonies

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

Montgomery, Alabama has a 60% Black population, 32% White population.

**Do you have any specific skills that are required or needed in your office?**

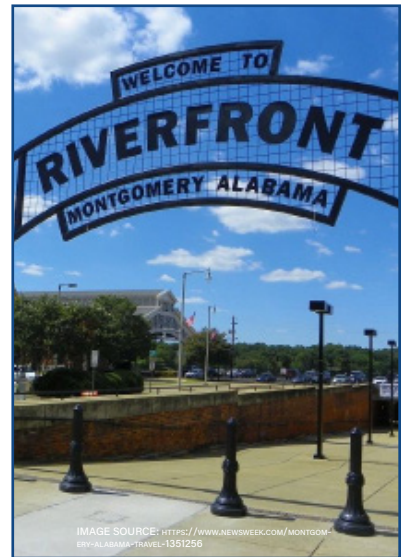
None are required, it is certainly an asset if people applying have a background in social work or speak a foreign language like Spanish.



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

We have 4 teams. There are 3 Felony teams and 1 Misdemeanor team. Each felony team has 4-5 attorneys, a supervising attorney, an investigator, and an administrative assistant. The misdemeanor team has 2 attorneys, a supervising attorney, an investigator, and an administrative assistant. Our office does not work in Juvenile Court, but we often have 16 and 17 year old clients due to Alabama law. We have 2 Social Workers and 2 Client Advocates.

### Are certain resources available to the staff attorneys?

Yes! We have in-house investigators. Attorneys can also make a motion for expert funding to the court for expert witnesses.

### Does your Public Defender office have any formal community partnerships or special projects?

We partner with the Montgomery Bail Out in their efforts to bail our clients out. We also have partnered with schools to do Know Your Rights presentations. We partner with the Federal Defender's Office to do monthly training. And we informally work with SPLC, EJI, and the ACLU to help inform their criminal justice reform work.

### What are some popular attractions for attorneys to visit while in the city?

We have amazing attractions which include: The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, the EJI Legacy Museum, the Rosa Parks Museum, Dexter Avenue Memorial Baptist Church, and the Freedom Riders Museum.



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