



Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Position: Attorney I (Criminal) **Starting Salary:** \$57,086 - \$67,676
Organization: Superior Court of Pennsylvania **Location:** Harrisburg
Department: Central Legal Staff **Benefits:** [Link to benefits](#)
Remarks: Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications and employment history of the selected candidate.

Description:

This position requires significant research and writing skills for work performed with the Superior Court of Pennsylvania's Central Legal Staff. This individual must possess the ability to work both independently and as part of a statewide team, with the ability to meet deadlines. The attorney will handle criminal-law matters, and work closely with various judicial chambers and Judges. Work is performed under the purview of supervising attorneys in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh.

Typical Duties:

- Review docketing statements, motions (standard and emergency), opinions circulating in Superior Court, and certified records.
- Review trial court dockets thoroughly to determine not only if any jurisdictional issues exist, but any other problems that require attention prior to listing the appeal before a merits panel.
- Prepare summaries and draft orders for review by Motions Judge.
- Prepare summaries, recommendations, and draft orders for review and votes by Motions Panel.
- Assist in research projects requested of Central Legal Staff.
- Work directly with Judges and chambers of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania to resolve various matters involving pending criminal cases.
- Assist in editing team members' work.
- Work with statewide team to resolve various issues involving criminal or appellate procedure.
- Assist in various attorney functions in the relevant office, including, but not limited to, working with Superior Court Prothonotary's office to resolve issues pertaining to appeal docket.

Minimum Qualifications:

- J.D. from ABA-accredited law school.
- Admitted to practice of law before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Additional Requirements / Preferences:

- Familiarity with Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure and Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- Basic Microsoft Word and Excel skills.
- Experience with criminal matters desired, but not required.
- Prior experience with or before Pennsylvania appellate courts a plus, but not necessary.

Position Available in Superior Court of Pennsylvania- *Middle District*, Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Ave., Ste. 1600, Harrisburg, PA 17106.

How to Apply:

Apply by e-mail online at AttorneyPosition@pacourts.us. Applicants must provide a cover letter and résumé. A list of references and writing sample (fewer than 10 pages) are desirable, but not required.

Commencement Date: December 2022

Unified Judicial System Hiring Policy

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