

Post-Conviction Staff Attorney Opening Texas Defender Service (TDS)

Background

TDS is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the Texas criminal justice system by reducing unfair use of the death penalty and by implementing an effective indigent defense system. In addition to providing quality direct representation, the TDS Capital Post-Conviction Project tracks the cases of death-sentenced inmates in Texas, assists and trains capital habeas attorneys, and provides crisis assistance to defense teams whose clients are facing execution dates.

Position Overview

TDS seeks a full-time Post-Conviction Staff Attorney with sound judgment and a demonstrated commitment to indigent defense. The Staff Attorney will operate as a part of a team of four attorneys, who represent death row inmates in state and federal habeas proceedings. He or she will report to the incoming Post-Conviction Director.

This position also involves close collaboration with the larger capital habeas community, which is composed of highly committed and talented lawyers. The ideal candidate for this position is comfortable at hearings; possesses strong oral and written advocacy, research, and investigation skills; works well in a team-based environment; is highly organized; and works effectively under pressure. The candidate should be knowledgeable about the latest developments in criminal and capital habeas law and experienced in developing and litigating capital habeas claims. The ideal candidate is capable of creative and strategic thinking in approaching litigation. All applicants must be eligible to practice law in Texas. Fluency in Spanish is a plus.

This position is located in Austin. Salary will be based on experience.

Interested candidates should electronically submit a cover letter, resume, three references and a writing sample no later than April 20, 2018 to Amanda Marzullo, Executive Director (amarzullo@texasdefender.org) and Jared Tyler, Senior Counsel (jptyler@texasdefender.org).