



# BECOME A PUBLIC DEFENDER IN CALIFORNIA

- ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE MOST VULNERABLE
- FIGHT MASS INCARCERATION
- PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

*California faces a public defender shortage with immediate openings for trial and appellate attorney positions across the state.*

## **TRIAL LEVEL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES:**

zealous representation of clients in the courtroom and beyond

## **PUBLIC DEFENSE APPELLATE WORK:**

fully remote opportunities focused on client advocacy through research and writing

## **TRIAL LEVEL OPENINGS:**

CALIFORNIA  
PUBLIC DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION  
JOB BOARD

2024 PUBLIC DEFENDER HIRING  
GUIDE BY UC DAVIS

## **APPELLATE OPENINGS:**

FIRST DISTRICT  
SECOND DISTRICT  
THIRD & FIFTH DISTRICTS  
FOURTH DISTRICT  
SIXTH DISTRICT  
OSPD – CAPITAL APPEALS

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