

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES
STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

FROM: NANCY ROBERTS, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES

**SUBJECT: POSITION OPENING - MITIGATION SPECIALIST
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER (HARTFORD, CT)
CAPITAL DEFENSE AND TRIAL SERVICES UNIT**

DATE: JUNE 14, 2010

Applications are being accepted for the position of Mitigation Specialist in the Capital Defense and Trial Services Unit.

This position is accountable for the independent preparation and presentation of mitigation evidence in the penalty phase of Capital cases. This position bears the primary responsibility for providing the trial lawyers with information, evaluation, testimony, professional analysis and evidence to present to the judges or jury considering the imposition of the death penalty.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Extensive knowledge of the environmental, social, psychological, medical, and economic factors that influence the behavior of individuals. The skills and ability to thoroughly investigate an individual's family and social background, including locating individuals with relevant information and gaining access to relevant records. Interviewing and preparing reports for trial use and an individual's social history complete with references to specific interviews and research. A strong knowledge of the criminal justice system is also required.

A Bachelor's degree in Social Work or comparable degree in a related field, and a minimum of 4 years experience in assessment, investigation, and/or treatment in the criminal justice system, or a M.S.W. or comparable degree in a related field, and 2 years experience in assessment and treatment in the criminal justice system. In addition, the individual must have extensive experience in research and fact gathering.

All interested applicants are asked to review the "[Social History Investigation](#)" found in the attached hyperlink, to assist in their understanding of what is required in this position.

This position is assigned to A.F.T. Salary Group 28, \$75,857.-\$95,205. (Effective 7/01)

Qualified applicants should submit a resume no later than June 25, 2010 to Attorney Patrick J. Culligan, Chief of Capital Defense and Trial Services, and Attorney Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender, Office of Chief Public Defender, 30 Trinity Street, 4th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. Resumes are also accepted by e-mail: partick.culligan@jud.ct.gov and susan.storey@jud.ct.gov.