



GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

Job Title: Paralegal III
Job Code: LET032
Grade: I

Salary Minimum: \$38,452.58
Salary Midpoint: \$50,142.29
Salary Maximum: \$61,832.00

Job Description: Under broad supervision, provides assistance and coordination in preparing and conducting research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or initiate legal or administrative action. Drafts and prepares legal documents for review. Assists legal offices with scheduling hearings, appointments, and interviews.

Job Responsibilities and Performance Standards:

- Calls or contacts witnesses, attorneys, and other legal parties.
- Compiles and prepares legal documents such as subpoenas, briefs, pleadings, appeals, decisions, and certificates of service.
- Conducts legal research.
- Coordinates law office activity, including delivery of subpoenas.
- Coordinates response to interrogatories and other legal requests.
- Gathers and analyzes data, statutes, decisions, legal articles, and documents.
- Investigates facts of cases, evidence and applicable case law to determine causes of action and to prepare cases.
- May provide guidance to others in legal research.
- Reviews legal publications and performs data base searches to identify laws and court decisions relevant to pending cases or issues.
- Schedules and participates in hearings between parties.
- All other duties as assigned.
- Serves at the pleasure of the Executive Director.

Sample Technical Competencies:

- Ability to use Nexus/Lexis and/or Westlaw software.
- Ability to prepare and/or coordinate trial documents, evidentiary documents, or exhibits.
- Ability to gather and interpret regulatory provisions and present findings.
- Ability to prepare discovery requests and/or responses.
- Knowledge of program policies and procedures.

Entry Qualifications:

Associate's degree in paralegal studies from an accredited college or university AND One year of experience as a legal assistant in a legal environment OR certificate from a paralegal training program AND Two years of experience as a legal assistant in a legal environment OR Four years of experience as a legal assistant in a legal environment.

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