

Immigration Attorney in Community Law:

Metropolitan Public Defender (MPD) is seeking an immigration attorney with experience in removal defense and crimmigration and who has a passion for fighting for the rights of all noncitizens facing deportation. The attorney will help develop and grow MPD's immigration unit, Immigrant Defense Oregon, which is committed to stopping deportations by providing legal assistance and representation for noncitizens who are most vulnerable to deportation. The unit has funding to serve low-income noncitizens subject to deportation in Oregon, with a particular emphasis on persons who have interacted with the criminal justice system. This includes designated funding to provide 1) consultations and representations to persons in removal proceedings, 2) bond representation to detained unaccompanied minors, and 3) crimmigration analyses and expertise to local immigration legal nonprofits. A final aspect of the project is to develop and participate in strategic legal initiatives to end deportations in Oregon.

The attorney's responsibilities will include offering consultations to persons in removal proceedings and identifying potential defenses in immigration court, assisting with pro se immigration applications before USCIS and EOIR, and representing clients in both detained and undetained removal proceedings, bond proceedings and BIA appeals. Other responsibilities include conducting immigration presentations both internally to MPD staff and to the broader Portland community. The attorney may offer *Padilla* advice to MPD's criminal defense attorneys periodically and provide crimmigration analyses to local immigration legal nonprofits. Strong legal writing skills are required. Occasional travel may be required to detention centers in Oregon and Washington. The attorney must hold a valid state driver's license.

The attorney will also develop and grow IDO's program with respect to identifying areas where IDO can expand its services. The attorney will propose and write grant applications for continued funding to the project. She or he will represent IDO in collaboration with local government initiatives and other immigrants' rights organizations. The attorney will work in a collaborative team setting with other immigration attorneys at MPD to carry out her/his responsibilities.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate a commitment to innovative and strategic project development within a collaborative team setting, and, above all, a dedication to address systemic injustices within the immigration system and providing zealous advocacy for all IDO clients.

The salary range for this position is between \$58,500 and \$85,608.12. Placement on the scale will depend on grant funding and prior immigration experience; full benefits included; Oregon bar is preferred although individuals with other state bar membership will be considered. Spanish fluency is a plus but not required.

To apply, please go to <http://www.mpdlaw.com/immigration-attorney/> and click on Apply for this Job. This link will take you to our HR software Workforce Ready. You will create an applicant profile and then attach your profile to the open immigration attorney position. Please upload one document to Workforce Ready which includes your cover letter, resume, and writing sample submitted to immigration court. Cover letter should be addressed to Thalia Sady, Chief Attorney, Community Law Division.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply immediately. For questions, please contact Kristine Constans, HR Manager at 503-225-9100.