

# NOTICE OF VACANCY

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Defender  
**TITLE:** Public Defender  
**GRADE/SALARY:** 49H - \$91,990 - plus Excellent Benefits

**THIS IS AN UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE POSITION.**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Represents, when requested, indigent defendants charged with crimes. The Public Defender shall represent without charge, or by order of the Court with the consent of the defendant, each indigent defendant who is charged with a crime, as defined by Section 722(a) of the County Law. The Public Defender shall counsel and represent the defendant at every stage of the proceedings following his arrest, and shall initiate such proceedings as in his or her judgement are necessary to protect the rights of the accused; and may at his or her discretion, prosecute any appeals if in his or her judgement the facts and circumstances warrant such. In addition, the Public Defender may assign professional, technical and clerical personnel in the investigation, preparation, conduct and appeal in any court proceedings involving indigent defendants. The work is to be performed under guidelines provided by law. Does related work as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must meet the minimum qualification at time of application.

Five (5) years of experience as a practicing attorney in the field of criminal law; three (3) years of which, in the aggregate, must have involved extensive court appearance in the trial of issues in such fields.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Eligibility for admission to practice as an attorney and counselor at law before the courts of the State of New York at the time of application. Admission to the Bar of the State of New York at the time of appointment.

**APPLYING ONLINE:** Please click the link below and go to the current vacancies tab to find this vacancy.

<https://oneida-portal.mycivilservice.com/>

**APPLYING WITH PAPER APPLICATION:** Blank paper applications can be picked up in the Personnel Department on 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Oneida County Office Building and either mailed or hand delivered once completed to:

Oneida County Department of Personnel  
Joseph M. Johnson, Commissioner  
800 Park Ave  
Utica, NY 13501

You may also request a paper application to be mailed to you by calling 315-798-5726.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:** Until position is filled.

**\*\*Oneida County is an equal opportunity employer\*\***