



Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney Job Description Title: Attorney I, Misdemeanor

Grade: **72**
Salary: **\$72,295.34 Annually**
To Apply: **Resumes and cover letters should be sent to: applicants@tarrantcountytx.gov**

SUMMARY:

Prosecute and defend all manner of civil and criminal matters in various levels of trial and appellate courts and administrative forums. May also provide written or verbal legal advice to individual or governmental clients, and draft legal instruments or other written documents with legal implications. Investigate facts giving rise to legal issues and bring about solutions to their clients' legal problems in a variety of forums.

This entry level licensed attorney generally handles criminal and civil matters of lesser complexity and gravity. Attorney works under the close supervision of more experienced attorneys in an effort to build knowledge, skills and expertise.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Makes decisions and counsels with clients, victims, or police concerning proceedings in court or related forums.
2. Drafts and files pleadings, answers, motions, briefs, and responses necessary to conduct litigation and proceedings in related forums.
3. Appears in court and forums to select juries, present and cross-examine evidence, make legal arguments, and act as an advocate.
4. Identifies, locates, and prepares witnesses to present testimony effectively in court or related forums.
5. Counsels and advises clients within the bounds of confidentiality, when applicable, regarding legal issues, in all phases of litigation and in non-adversarial contexts.
6. Identifies and prepares non-testimonial forms of evidence for use in court and related forums.
7. Drafts legal instruments and documents with legal implications.
8. Negotiates with others to settle litigation or other contested matters or to assist in solving problems with legal implications.
9. Conducts and supervises investigations in civil and criminal discovery proceedings.
10. Develops knowledge, skill, and expertise in applicable areas of law to keep pace with current developments.
11. Strives for experience, knowledge and skills.
12. Performs all other related duties, as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Juris Doctorate (JD) degree required. Must be licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Prior experience in the relevant area of law is not required. Strong desire to learn and apply the applicable laws and procedures is essential. Ability to work efficiently and effectively in high-pressure situations and ability to communicate effectively is required. Attorney is responsible for working in a cooperative manner with support staff and investigators. Attorney must be computer literate.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

While performing the duties of this position, the attorney is regularly required to walk, sit, stand, bend, stoop, grasp, lift, reach, pull and push.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Regular attendance is required. Attorney must arrive at work on time, prepared to perform assigned duties and work assigned schedule. Attorney must have the ability to work well with others. Attorney must be able to perform the essential functions of the position without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of themselves and others. Tarrant County will conduct background checks that will include a criminal background check and may include credit reports, motor vehicle records, employment records or educational attainment.

DECISION MAKING:

This attorney exercises appropriate professional discretion and independence under the close supervision of more experienced attorneys. This position carries no policy making power.

CONTACTS:

This attorney interacts with departmental supervisors and peers, other county employees, outside vendors, state agencies, witnesses, clients, judges and opposing counsel.