



Bastrop County Job Posting

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| Title: Public Information Records Clerk (Part-Time) | Opening Date: February 10, 2023 | Application Deadline: Open Until Filled | Job #: 220378 |
| Department: Bastrop County Criminal D.A. Office | Starting Salary: \$22,500 | Location: Bastrop, Texas | Travel: N/A |

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL JOB POSTING

Brief Job Description: Under the direct supervision of the Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney or his designee, this position performs general administrative and clerical duties by responding to Public Information Act requests from the public. Office Work involves placing, answering and transferring calls, receiving visitors and providing information pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act to the public via email, telephone and the U.S. Mail in a courteous and professional manner; composing various correspondences; gathering data and information from various county departments in response to PIA requests, acting to assist elected officials upon their request who act as their own Public Information Officer, and providing support to the Civil Assistant District Attorney as needed. This position is responsible for the evaluation and response to various Public Information Act requests that are received by Bastrop County and serving as the Public Information Act Clerk for the county. Must occasionally deliver packages to post office that are too large for mailing on-site. Performs other job related duties as assigned.

General Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities: Must have knowledge of general office and administrative procedures; moderate to advanced Personal Computer, Microsoft Word and Excel skills; proper English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation; good telephone etiquette; principles and procedures of office organization and record keeping; data entry and retrieval; ability to effectively interact with co-workers and the public; ability to perform multiple tasks simultaneously in a timely manner; strong communication and customer service skills. Maintains confidentiality and security of all Criminal District Attorney's Office information and systems; Regular and punctual attendance is considered an Essential Function of this job. Must be able to lift 25 pounds or less.

Minimum Qualifications: Three (3) years previous experience performing administrative duties and working with the general public; Possession of a valid Texas driver's license with acceptable driving record. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent (college degree preferred). Experience working in the legal/judicial/criminal justice environment (preferred); Experience in legal research activities (preferred); Prior experience or training related to governmental administration (preferred); or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience; Bilingual in Spanish (preferred). No Criminal History. Experience with the Texas Public Information Act (preferred).

Bastrop County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, sex, religion or disability in employment or in its activities. Minorities, Veterans, and Disabled applicants are encouraged to apply.

A Bastrop County Job Application is required, and can be downloaded at: <https://na3.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=a7d71333-73b6-4ae5-b3d7-a59c651de914>. Applications can be completed online at <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.jobs>. Applications postmarked after the closing date will not be accepted. Unless otherwise indicated, regular attendance is an essential job requirement of all positions in the county. This position may require shift work outside the normal business hours and weekends. All positions requiring a degree and/or licensing require proof of degree and/or license. Your application for employment with Bastrop County may subject you to a criminal background check.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: Only applicants scheduled for interviews will be contacted. If you are scheduled for an interview and require any reasonable accommodation in our interview process, please inform the hiring representative who calls you to schedule your interview. Whenever possible, please give the hiring representative sufficient time to consider and respond to your request. Thank you for considering employment with Bastrop County. Visit our website at: <http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/co.jobs>



BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

Job Description

Job Title: Public Information Records Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Department: Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Reports To: Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney

SUMMARY: Under the direct supervision of the Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney or his First Assistant Criminal District Attorney, this position performs general administrative and clerical duties by providing assistance to Public Information Act requests received by Bastrop County. Work involves general administrative and clerical duties by responding to Public Information Act requests from the public. Office Work involves placing, answering and transferring calls, receiving visitors and providing information pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act to the public via email, telephone and the U.S. Mail in a courteous and professional manner; composing various correspondences; gathering data and information from various county departments in response to PIA requests, acting to assist elected officials upon their request who act as their own Public Information Officer, and providing support to the Civil Assistant District Attorney as needed. This position is responsible for the evaluation and response to various Public Information Act requests that are received by Bastrop County and serving as the Public Information Act Clerk for the county. Must occasionally deliver packages to post office that are too large for mailing on-site. Performs other job related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:

Receives supervision from the Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney, his First Assistant Criminal District Attorney and the District Attorney's Office executive assistant;

Exercises no supervision.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

1. Perform general administrative and clerical duties under supervision of the District Attorney or the Civil Assistant District Attorney receiving, evaluating, handling and responding to Texas Public Information Act requests;
2. Delivers appropriate public information in response to requests to the requestors via fax, email and the U.S. mail;
3. Gathers data, information and documents from other county offices to respond to Public Information Act requests and disseminates to requestors in a timely fashion;
4. Assists other county employees and appointed and elected officials in responding to Public Information Act requests;
5. Serves as a liaison between the requestor and various Bastrop County employees; coordinates communication and information exchange between departments for Public Information Act purposes;
6. Using case information in Odyssey, search for case histories and other responsive records;

7. Composes correspondence to Public Information requestors and various county employees and officials;
8. Assist the Civil Assistant District Attorney in preparing requests for determination for the Texas Attorney General's Open Records Division;
9. Places, answers and transfers calls; receives visitors and provides general information regarding the Public Information act to the public and other County personnel in a courteous and professional manner; disseminates accurate information from telephone conversations and personal contact, and relays the information to staff accurately and in a timely manner; ensures the confidentiality and security of all information pertaining to the operations of the Public Information Act and Bastrop County;
10. Perform initial evaluation of Public Information requests received by Bastrop County and make information requests to other departments based upon the public information requested;
11. Composes various correspondence and memos to County personnel as requested by the Criminal District Attorney;
12. Serves as the Public Information Act Clerk for Bastrop County, subject to supervision by the Criminal District Attorney;
13. Creates, organizes and maintains extensive files and records for Public Information Act requests that are received, denied and/or responded to;
14. Prepares cost fee estimates for fulfillment of Public Information Act request in a timely manner and receives and documents and issues receipts for money orders/cashier's checks which are received from the public in response to Public Information Act fees;
15. Provides accurate information, reports, and assistance as required to Elected Officials, Department Heads, employees, and the public regarding operations of the Public Information Act;
16. Works as part of a team and maintains a cooperative, helpful attitude towards fellow workers, supervisors, and the general public;
17. Maintains confidentiality and security of all Criminal District Attorney's Office information, cases and systems;
18. Performs related work or duties as assigned by the Criminal District Attorney or his designee.

OTHER FUNCTIONS: Regular attendance and punctuality is an essential job requirement. Performs other job related duties as directed by supervisor(s).

NOTE: The essential functions describe the general nature and level of work being performed by employees holding this position. This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all duties and responsibilities required, nor is all duties listed necessarily performed by any one employee so classified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Knowledge of:

The Texas Public Information Act and procedures/protocol;
Odyssey, computer program for case management;
Professional Customer Service skills;
Applicable laws as related to the Public Information act;
Familiarity with legal terminology;
Personal Computer skills and computer equipment software, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, redaction of .pdf files and data, etc.;
Proper English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation;
Telephone techniques and etiquette;
Principles and procedures of office organization and record keeping;
Basic arithmetic;
Data entry and retrieval;
Standard office policies, procedures, and equipment;
Bastrop County policies and procedures.

Ability to:

Perform multiple tasks simultaneously in a timely manner;
Obtain, record, and disseminate accurate information from telephone conversations and personal contact;
Communicate clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing;
Be detail orientated, and have strong communication, interpersonal, problem solving, analytical, organizational, conflict resolution, and stress tolerance skills;
Understand and follow verbal and written instructions;
Complete routine business correspondence;
Properly interpret, understand and make decisions in accordance with laws, regulations and policies;
Conduct business with the public in a professional, courteous manner;
Function independently, exercise good judgment, manage multiple projects, and meet deadlines;
Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the job;
Demonstrate personal communication skills including effective telephone skills and public speaking;
Operate equipment required to perform essential job functions;
Work independently in the absence of supervision;
Work in a safety-conscious environment and to follow and promote good safety practices;
Handle exposure to potentially hostile individuals;
Maintain confidentiality and security of information encountered in work activities at all times;

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

Making observations, reading and writing, operating assigned equipment, and communicating with others; Employee must have visual abilities including close vision, distance vision, depth perception, peripheral vision, and the ability to adjust focus.

Maintain physical condition needed to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities, which may include:

Walking, sitting, or standing for long periods of time; Lifting and carrying materials weighing up to 25 pounds such as files or stacks of records; Occasional climbing, stooping, crawling, squatting, and/or kneeling.

Maintain mental capacity sufficient to accomplish the performance of assigned duties and Responsibilities, which may include:

- Handling stressful situations;
- Interpreting Public Information Act law, regulations, and opinions;
- Effective interaction and communication with others;
- Prepare clear and concise reports;
- Making sound decisions in a manner consistent with the essential job functions.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in a modern office setting.

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, and LICENSING:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

- Three (3) years previous experience performing administrative duties and working with the general public;
- Experience working in the legal/judicial/criminal justice environment (preferred);
- Experience in legal research activities (preferred);
- Prior experience or training related to governmental administration (preferred); or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience;
- Bilingual in Spanish (preferred).

Education:

High School diploma or equivalent.

Licensing:

Possession of a valid Texas driver's license with acceptable driving record.

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Formal application; rating of education and experience; oral interview; reference and criminal background checks; job-related tests may be required.

***** This position is subject to random and/or reasonable suspicion and/or post-accident testing for drugs and alcohol.**

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change. The

employee further understands, and accepts, that this position falls under the provision of an “At Will” employment, and under no circumstances is a contract for employment.