

# SIXTH DISTRICT APPELLATE PROGRAM

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## **Staff Attorney, Sixth District Appellate Program**

The Sixth District Appellate Program (SDAP) is a San Jose-based non-profit corporation that assists in administering appeals for California's Sixth District Court of Appeal. In particular, SDAP is tasked with assigning, assisting, and evaluating appointed counsel in the representation of indigent appellants in criminal, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and mental health cases.

SDAP has an opening for a full-time staff attorney position, with employment to begin on July 8, 2019. Minimum qualifications for this position include: active California State Bar membership; exceptional legal research and writing skills; and a demonstrated interest in representing indigent clients.

New staff attorneys will typically begin their employment by personally representing clients on appeal. After gaining sufficient experience, the staff attorney will begin to oversee work done by members of SDAP's panel of attorneys. In this role, the staff attorney will; monitor and evaluate the work done by panel attorneys in individual cases; review compensation claims; and provide training for panel members on specific cases and at SDAP's annual seminar.

In order to apply for the position, please submit the following documents to Staff Attorney Patrick McKenna ([patrick@sdap.org](mailto:patrick@sdap.org)) via email by March 29, 2019:

- (a) Resume.
- (b) Writing Samples. This should include two sets of briefs (opening, respondent's, reply) with court opinion. If sets of appellate briefs are not available, please include two motions or writ petitions, with any opposition filed.
- (c) In lieu of a cover letter, please answer each of the following questions in one paragraph or less:
  - (1) Why are you interested in this position?
  - (2) What qualities make you well-qualified for this position?
  - (3) What is one personal or professional obstacle that you have overcome, and what did you learn from the experience?
- (d) List of three references. These individuals will only be contacted if you are selected for an interview.

Each of the requested documents should be included as separate PDF attachments to the email. Please write "Application Materials for Staff Attorney Position" in the email subject line. Follow-up interviews for selected candidates will occur in early-to-mid April at SDAP's office.

Compensation will be based upon experience. Competitive benefit package is also offered as term of employment. Staff attorneys are permitted to telecommute one day each week.