

BECOME A PUBLIC DEFENDER

BENEFITS OF WORKING AT A PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

- Case Exposure
- Collaborative Work
- Extensive Trial Experience
- Helping Indigent Clients
- Job Satisfaction & Purpose
- Mentorship Opportunities
- Potential Loan Forgiveness
- Self-Development
- Salary & Benefits
- Work-Life Balance







Ted Wenske Concho Valley Public Defender

"If you want to learn how to dig deep into a case, work hard, and impact someone's life, public defense is where to do it. If you can practice law in small town Texas, you will have the tools to practice anywhere."

Lakeshia Walton Panhandle Area Public Defender

"Texas is a large state made up of small towns, and those small towns need good people to advocate for them. If you want to be fulfilled and seek justice on the daily, you can do that as a public defender. As a public defender, you are the reason justice is what it is."





Madeleine Gonzalez Nueces County Public Defender

"As a public defender, you're provided invaluable experience managing your own caseload and learning from dedicated senior attorneys in the office. Working at a public defender's office means standing beside people on some of the hardest days of their lives and ensuring they receive effective representation."