COMMON PLEAS COURT – GENERAL DIVISION

TITLE: PSYCHOLOGIST (FULL-TIME) – PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

DUTIES

This position is responsible for performing forensic psychological tests and evaluations of defendants. Duties may include:

- Diagnosing mental disorders of defendants
- Preparing court ordered forensic evaluations including:
    - *Competency to Stand Trial*
    - *Sanity at the Time of the Act*
    - *Mitigation*
    - *Civil Commitment*
    - *Violence Risk Assessment*
- Provide clinical supervision to trainees (e.g. psychology interns, forensic psychiatry fellows, psychiatry residents, law students)
- Testifying in court regarding psychological evaluations of defendants
- Performing a variety of other related duties as required

JOB REQUIREMENTS

This position requires the ability to diagnose mental disorders in order to report to the court on various psycho-legal referral questions. This job may include the following:

- Essential to this position are well-developed assessment, diagnostic, and report-writing skills
- Familiarity with both severe mental illness and mental retardation
- Ability to diagnose mental disorders consistent with the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*
- Ability to integrate clinical and factual data and with applicable legal standards Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Ability to administer and interpret psychological tests
- Knowledge of Ohio law regarding competency, sanity and mitigation
- Must have an Ohio Psychology License (or be license eligible) and have completed and APA accredited pre-doctoral internship.

DIFFICULTY OF WORK

This position requires the psychologist to use his/her knowledge of the law and psychology, to perform forensic psychological evaluations and answer the psycho-legal referral question. The psychologist must prepare reports in response to court referrals and testify in court proceedings.

RESPONSIBILITY

In this position the psychologist works independently determining the most effective manner to perform psychological evaluations of defendants, prepare reports for the court and formulate forensic opinions. Work is assigned daily by a supervisor. The psychologist meets regularly with his/her supervisor to review the quality and quantity of his/her work and discuss problems. The supervisor and/or his or her designee will read the psychologist's reports from time to time and provide feedback to the psychologist. Undetected errors may result in incorrect diagnosis and opinions. The supervisor upon completion of work catches these errors.

PERSONAL WORK RELATIONSHIPS

The psychologist will have contact with defendants, victims and witnesses to obtain information necessary to complete the assigned forensic reports. Frequent contact is also made with judges, attorneys, and probation officers to discuss the forensic reports.

PHYSICAL EFFORT AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

This position requires working in a normal court environment with no unusual demands or exposure to hazardous situations, with occasional exposure to unstable defendants.

The Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas requires submission to a criminal history background check and drug urinalysis for all new employees.

Applicant must submit a letter of interest and resume (no e-mail or fax) by 4:30 P.M. on May 18, 2012 to:
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court
Gregory Popovich, Court Administrator
1200 Ontario Street Justice Center 11th Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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