Job Posting:	**Parent Attorney/Juvenile Defender Attorney Marion and Walthall Counties, Mississippi Chancery Court Youth Court Division**
Position Title:	**Parent Representation/Juvenile Defender Attorney**
Department:	**Youth Court**
Reports To:	**Marion and Walthall County Board of Supervisors**
Employment Type:	**Contract**
Compensation:	**Determined by Marion and Walthall Counties**
Application Deadline:	**November 18, 2026**
Start Date:	**January 1, 2027**

Position Summary

Responsible for providing legal representation to parents in child protection and termination of parental rights proceedings in Youth Court, in accordance with Mississippi law and the Mississippi Certification Standards for Performance of Attorneys Representing Parents in Child Protection or Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings. Also responsible for providing legal representation to juveniles in Youth Court in delinquency and child in need of supervision matters.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. Provide legal representation to parents in conformity with the Mississippi Certification Standards for performance of Attorneys representing parents in child protection or termination of parental rights proceedings in Youth Court.
2. Provide general public defender duties for the representation of children in delinquency and child in need of supervision cases as needed.
3. Maintain client files and work with clients to develop a case plan and coordinate services.
4. Negotiate and litigate with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and Department of Youth Services as appropriate.
5. Attend all required hearings, conferences, and family team meetings.
6. Ensure compliance with ethical obligations under the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct.
7. Perform other related duties as assigned by the Marion/Walthall County Board of Supervisors.
8. Be cross trained as a Guardian Ad Litem so that you may assist the Guardian Ad Litem where conflicts may arise.

Qualifications

- Licensed practicing attorney in good standing in the State of Mississippi.
- Applicants must be willing to become a certified parent attorney, certified juvenile defender, and qualified Guardian Ad Litem.

- Completion of required training approved by the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education (recommended 12 hours initial certification for parent representation and annual continuing education thereafter). Completion of Guardian Ad Litem training as directed by the Superme Court of Mississippi and the Administrative Office of Courts. Proof of completion or eligibility confirmation required.
- Experience in Youth Court law and procedures preferred.
- Ability to serve both Marion and Walthall Counties on a full-time basis.

How to Apply

Submit the following:

- Cover letter/letter of interest.
- Resume/curriculum vitae
- Mississippi Bar number

Submit applications to:

Mr. Andrew Foxworth and Mr. Conrad Mord
Attorneys for the Boards of Supervisors for Marion and Walthall Counties.

via email to: lstringer@marioncountyms.gov

Limitations and Disclaimer

Marion and Walthall Counties are equal opportunity employers.
This job description describes the general nature and level of work. It is not an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, or skills. Requirements may be modified to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. Continued employment is on an at-will basis. Applicants should verify current training requirements with the Mississippi Judicial College and Administrative Office of Courts.