

CLERK I

GRADE: 01

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs (entry-level) clerical work in areas such as bookkeeping, inventory control, statistics, employment, human resources, purchasing, or accounting; Work involves compiling and tabulating data, checking documents for accuracy, transporting documents, and maintaining files; Works under close supervision with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Produces and proofs correspondence, reports, purchase orders, summaries, manuals, vouchers, records, and other related forms

Reviews completed forms for signatures and proper entries

Provides information to the public by mail or telephone

Receives shipments and supplies, inspects for damage, and checks for correct quantity and quality

Assembles, organizes, and tabulates data; may perform data entry and retrieval

Files and maintains forms, records, and reports

Opens and distributes incoming mail and prepares mail-outs

Delivers documents, supplies, or other items; takes deposits to the bank; and runs errands as appropriate

May maintain office schedules and appointments

May perform back-up receptionist or telephone switchboard duties

May assist in conducting physical inventory

May receive and count cash

May make arrangements for repairs and services

May assemble and pack shipments, contact transportation companies to arrange for shipping, and assist in loading trucks

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Six (6) months of experience with clerical operations; Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of office procedures and of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and arithmetic

Skill in using personal computers and office equipment

Ability to prepare and maintain records, files, and reports

Registration, Certification, or Licensure

May require a valid driver's license

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment



Maintain mental capacity which permits:

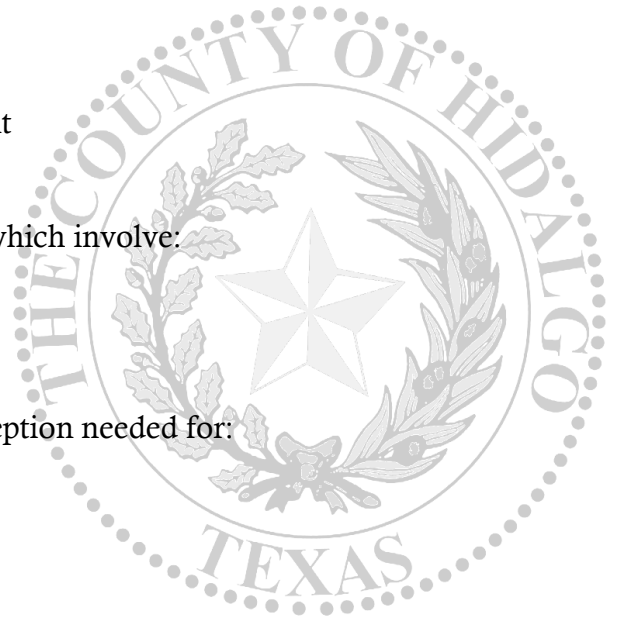
- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations



PUBLIC DEFENDER II

GRADE: 14

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs routine legal representation as a court appointed attorney for indigent clients. Work involves examining and preparing legal documents, rendering legal advice and counsel, conducting hearings, and assisting in preparing cases for trial; May train others; Works under moderate supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Advises staff and the public on legal matters and the interpretation and application of county laws and regulations

Prepares legal opinions, briefs, contracts, proposals, and reports

Conducts or assists in conducting administrative, regulatory, evidentiary, and enforcement hearings

Negotiate settlements on behalf of assigned clients

Researches points of law involved in hearings to determine the validity and completeness of cases cited

Investigates alleged law violations and prepared reports of findings

Review cases to determine if pretrial motions must be filed

Assists in preparing cases for court trial and in representing the county in matters before court as appropriate

Gather evidence to formulate defense or to initiate legal actions, by such means as interviewing witnesses to ascertain the facts of a case

Represents clients in court for misdemeanor cases; may represent clients in court for felony cases.

May draft or assist in drafting bills and amendments for legislative consideration

May provide research for policy and process questions

May serve as a liaison with complainants to be represented in an administrative hearing or with their authorized representatives

May train others

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Minimum one (1) year of experience practicing law with litigation experience preferred; Graduation from an accredited law school with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) or a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. Member must be in good standing with the State Bar of Texas.

Bilingual preferred (English/Spanish)

Certificates, Licenses & Registration

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

Must possess a license to practice law in the State of Texas

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of legal principles, practices, and proceedings; and of laws, regulations, and rules related to the county.

Ability to comprehend and analyze complex legal issues and complicated factual details

Ability to work effectively with others as well as work independently, without close supervision

Ability to conduct hearings, to prepare opinions and briefs, to prepare cases for trial, to conduct research, to summarize findings, to interpret and apply laws, to use legal reference materials, and to communicate effectively

Employee may be assigned other duties in addition to those listed; duties may change according to the changing needs of the County

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Maintain mental capacity which permits:

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