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# **Judicial Bond Officer**

Pretrial Services Pay Grade: 12

## **JOB SUMMARY**

This position supervises inmates in the personal recognizance (PR) bond process. An incumbent in this position may be designated "Senior Judicial Bond Officer".

## **MAJOR DUTIES**

- Interviews incarcerated individuals to determine if they qualify for appointment of attorney; assigns and verifies attorney appointments.
- Conducts interviews with incarcerated individuals to determine eligibility for release through the PR bond process.
- Contacts family members to advise them that inmate has qualified for a PR bond release.
- Provides information to judges and other court personnel as requested.
- Refers clients for eligible social services.
- Assists in training staff.
- Supervises defendants released through Pretrial Services; revokes bonds for violations; monitors defendant locations through the use of GPS hardware and software.
- Prepares court dockets.
- Attends court hearings.
- Conducts field visits.
- Responds to after-hours emergencies.
- Perform any other duties as assigned.

# KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

Knowledge of court policies and procedures.

- Knowledge of relevant federal and state laws, county ordinances, and department policies and procedures.
- Knowledge of indigent defense services policies and procedures.
- Knowledge of computers and job-related software programs.
- Skill in problem solving.
- Skill in prioritizing and planning.
- Skill in interpersonal relations.
- Skill in oral and written communication.
- Skill in the preparation of required reports.
- Ability to communicate in English and Spanish.

## SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Pretrial Services Director or the Pretrial Services Investigator assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the final results.

# **GUIDELINES**

Guidelines include court, department and county policies and procedures. These guidelines are generally clear and specific, but may require some interpretation in application.

## COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of related duties in the processing of inmate bonds and the monitoring of release defendants to ensure compliance with bond requirements. The variety of circumstances associated with defendants contributes to the complexity of the position.
- The purpose of this position is to assist in the processing and monitoring of defendant bonds. Successful performance contributes to the efficiency and effectiveness of court operations.

# **CONTACTS**

- Contacts are typically with coworkers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, defendants, jail personnel, and the general public.
- Contacts are typically to exchange information, resolve problems, and provide services.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is typically performed while sitting at a desk or table or while intermittently sitting, standing, stooping or walking. The employee occasionally lifts light objects and uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity.
- The work is typically performed in an office.

#### SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

# MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university preferred, but not required in criminal justice, social service or related field.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for two years.

# OTHER REQUIREMENT/INFORMATION

- Must possess a valid and current Texas driver's license.
- Drug and Alcohol Policy applies to this job. Pre-employment drug/alcohol testing, Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) and criminal background checks are required.
- This position *is covered* by Civil Service; therefore, is subject to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations in addition to all other Webb County policies.

The undersigned have read, discussed and understand the full meaning of this job description and agree

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

to abide by all terms and conditions herein expressed or implied.		
Employee's Signature	Print Name	Date
Supervisor's Signature	Print Name	Date