COURTROOM OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

DEFINITION

Under direction, the Courtroom Operations Supervisor will plan, assign, review and evaluate the work of assigned staff of the Superior Court. May perform other related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This supervisory position will be required to provide implementation of organizational policies, procedures and goals. Incumbents may perform a variety of administrative duties and duties associated with being a Deputy Clerk for the Superior Court with the majority of their time spent supervising the work of others.

TYPICAL TASKS

- plans, assigns, schedules, supervises, reviews and evaluates the work of assigned staff
- ensures adequate coverage for all courtroom proceedings;
- trains staff in legal terminology and procedures, courtroom duties, and minute order preparation;
- reviews work in progress and upon completion;
- participates in the selection, development and evaluation of staff;
- conducts counseling on work issues;
- recommends and administers discipline to staff as required;
- develops procedures and work standards;
- participates in the monitoring of work flow and quality of work performed by staff;
- assists in the development and implementation of goals, objectives and procedures for the department;
- monitors changes in laws, policies and procedures that impact work; recommends procedural improvements and implements upon approval; assists in communicating these changes to staff;
- answers complex and difficult legal or procedural questions related to courtroom procedures;
- applies departmental policy to resolve conflicts with customers;
- prepares and maintains statistical and narrative reports related to activity and work of the unit;
- may be required to clerk any session of the Superior Court during periods of staff-shortages, which would include the ability to attend hearings.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge of:

- laws, codes, rules of court, ordinances and procedures sufficient to clerking in a Superior Court courtroom;
- proper customer service techniques;
- the format of business correspondence, minute order preparation and procedure manuals to include correct spelling, grammar, punctuation and the usage of the English language;

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- courtroom protocol;
- techniques and practices of effective supervision and office management.

Ability to:

- use advanced legal terminology and procedures for preparing, examining and maintaining legal documents and minute orders;
- speak and write clearly and professionally in order to explain court procedures, read proceedings and provide information to attorneys and the public;
- reason analytically and organize facts;
- understand, explain, and apply specific statutes, codes, laws, regulations and procedures;
- perform multiple activities and assignments, often simultaneously, which require attention to detail and accuracy;
- work effectively with judicial officers, co-workers, attorneys, supervisors and the public while under pressure, time constraints and professional and legal standards;
- keyboard at a corrected rate of 45 wpm;
- operate and train others on the operation of personal computers and various software applications, including electronic recording equipment, related to courtroom operation and legal processing;
- review and prepare training material for new laws, rules of court and forms;
- keep accurate minutes of court proceedings.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Strength, dexterity, coordination and vision to use a keyboard and video display terminal on a daily basis. Speech and hearing ability sufficient to communicate clearly with the public and court staff. Dexterity and coordination to handle files and single pieces of paper; occasional lifting of objects weighing up to 20 lbs. such as files, stacks of papers, reference and other materials. Moving from place to place within an office; sitting and/or standing for prolonged periods of time.

EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION

Four years of court experience as a Court Clerk II or Court Clerk III equivalent position including one year of court related experience in a lead or advanced role; or any combination of training and experience that could provide the desired knowledge and abilities.

OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- This classification may require incumbents to remain available to work in a courtroom setting outside of normal business hours, on an as needed basis.
- This position may require a valid driver's license.