



**Parent Defender/Staff Attorney  
Mission First, Inc.**

**The Parent Defender/Staff Attorney will represent parents in abuse/neglect proceedings in the Youth Court of Hinds County.**

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Represent parents with neglect, abuse, supervision, and other child welfare issues.
- Negotiate and litigate with various divisions and levels of government.
- Develop and maintain a productive working relationship with the Youth Court, the Department of Child Protection Services, and other officials.
- Coordinate service delivery and reporting with the Office of State Public Defender.
- Ensure compliance with state standards for performance of attorneys representing parents in child protection cases or termination of parental rights proceedings.
- Oversee and coordinate law school students as needed, which may include externs, volunteers, and clinic students.
- Perform other related tasks as directed by the Executive Director or Legal Aid Office Director.

**Qualifications:**

- Commitment to the vision of Mission First.
- Licensed to practice law in Mississippi.
- Experience in Youth Court law and procedures preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate across organizational boundaries to achieve goals.
- Willingness to serve.

**Compensation:** Salary up to \$75,000 per year plus benefits.

**To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to:**

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