Contract Bond Forfeiture Attorney
(remote position in Texas, travel required)

Since March 2021, thousands of migrants have been arrested near the Texas-Mexico border and charged with state crimes under Operation Lone Star. The Lubbock Private Defenders Office (LPDO) is the indigent defense hub for these cases, and its goal is to ensure that all individuals charged as part of Operation Lone Star receive the zealous representation that the U.S. Constitution promises them. To that end, LPDO is looking for a bond forfeiture attorney. The attorney will be an independent contractor.

Why does LPDO need a bond forfeiture attorney?

Many individuals charged in Operation Lone Star have been removed from the United States during the pendency of their criminal case. Some of those individuals have not appeared at their court hearings, which has resulted in the entry of a judgment nisi against them. A civil forfeiture proceeding will soon commence against these individuals, and LPDO is looking for a contract attorney to handle these cases. Many of the relevant hearings will likely be in person, requiring travel, mostly to Kinney and Maverick Counties, through travel to Val Verde and Jim Hogg Counties might be necessary too. Travel expenses and lodging will be reimbursed.

Who would be a good fit for this job?

We are looking for someone who will zealously represent the accused to ensure that their bond money is not wrongfully forfeited by the State. An ideal candidate will have both civil and criminal experience. A necessary ingredient for any attorney to succeed in these cases is excellent organizational skills. There are many cases. We also want someone with the time to dedicate to these cases. We estimate that you'll need at least 10 hours a week available, perhaps more initially and during weeks where hearings are scheduled.

We are looking to hire by July 15.

Requirements & Expectations

- A Texas law license in good standing is required. You should have at least one year of relevant experience, preferably both civil and criminal experience.
- You must be able to travel to Maverick, Kinney, Val Verde, and Jim Hogg County to attend court hearings.

Compensation

- $100 per hour.

For more information, visit www.olsdefense.org/get-involved
To apply, send a resume to Doug Keller - dkeller@lpdo.org.