



# Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy

Frankfort, Kentucky

Number of Public Defenders

650

Number of Gideon's Promise Defenders

10

Types of Cases Fellows Will Handle

Misdemeanors & Youth defense & Felony

## About our Office

The KY DPA is a statewide public defender agency that represents clients from pre-arrest to post-conviction throughout the Commonwealth. We are the lawyers, investigators, alternative sentencing workers, mitigation specialists, and administrative specialists who work to defend any indigent person who is facing a loss of liberty. Defenders are supported within their offices through mentorship and in-office training and support. They are also offered training and mentorship support from the DPA Central Office. Our offices embrace a holistic representation model which includes at least 1 investigator and 1 social worker (ASW) in each of our 42 offices.

## About the Area

Kentucky is a beautiful state that spans from the majestic Appalachian Mountains to the scenic lakes of southern Kentucky to the farmlands of Western Kentucky to the urban areas of Louisville, Lexington, and Covington (Cincinnati). Attractions include the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, Churchill Downs, Mammoth Cave National Park, Cumberland Falls, the Muhammad Ali Center, and Kentucky's 44 State Parks





## About the Fellowship

(1) Our office are willing to fund 5 or more fellows. (2) Newly Hired Attorney Training is a 4.5 week long training series which includes District Court, Circuit Court, Defending Children, Litigation Skills (Faubush), and the 3-day Voir Dire workshop. (3) DPA employees receive state government benefits including health insurance, paid holidays, 401K and more.

## Words from the Office

“The Department of Public Advocacy, Kentucky’s unified statewide public defender system, has been providing quality client-centered representation defending the liberty of Kentuckians for more than fifty years. We are committed to recruiting, training, and supporting the best public defenders in the nation who will stand with our clients against the enormous prosecutorial power of the government. DPA has had a long and valuable partnership with Gideon’s Promise and several leaders and experienced attorneys have completed GP. By providing a stable and challenging work environment, strengthening defenders with a nationally-recognized training and mentorship program, and supporting and enabling involvement in the Gideon’s Promise program, DPA offers an opportunity for LSPP participants to develop, thrive, and make a difference in their defender careers.”

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