

## **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY V**

### **Definition:**

Under general direction, performs the most difficult legal work and related tasks in the Office of the District Attorney.

This is the highest level within the flexible classification series of Deputy District Attorney. This classification is distinguished from Deputy District Attorney IV by consistently handling the most difficult and complex tasks and case assignments. A Deputy District Attorney V works with little supervision and may be required to supervise a unit within the office. Promotion to this flexible classification is considered on a merit basis subject to recommendation by the District Attorney, and approval by the Director of Personnel.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Prepares and prosecutes the most complex cases and performs related tasks.
- Conducts investigations and supervises the investigation of cases.
- Serves as an expert in training on general prosecution or defense techniques and specific case situations.
- Advises the general public and law enforcement officers on criminal proceedings.
- Provides training or advice to law enforcement agencies.
- Determines which cases should be prosecuted consistent with law and office policies.
- Mentors less experienced attorneys, including those handling difficult cases as assigned.
- Acts as unit supervisor in the absence of his or her supervisor, which may include case evaluation, case assignments, case disposition, calendar assignment, and general case advice.
- Vertically prosecutes cases as assigned or is assigned to a vertical prosecution unit.
- Assists management in developing policies and procedures as assigned.
- Makes presentations to public and community organizations as required.
- Serves as a permanent unit supervisor.
- Performs related work as required.

### **Employment Standards:**

Licensed by the California State Bar and four (4) years full time criminal prosecution experience or five (5) years practice of law and ability to travel to locations outside of the regular office to perform necessary legal services.

Expert knowledge of the principles of law and their application; trial procedure and rules of evidence; legal research methods; expert ability to present statements of fact, law, and argument clearly and logically.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec. 3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.

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