



# Law Offices of Diamond R. Litty

## 19th Circuit Public Defender

Serving St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee Counties



Diamond Litty  
Public Defender  
19th Judicial Circuit

The excitement of the courtroom can be a reality for you as an Assistant Public Defender in the 19th Judicial Circuit (offices in Fort Pierce, Stuart, Vero Beach and Okeechobee).

We provide training, CLE seminars, top-rated computer and video technology, competitive salaries, and full benefits. We pay all overhead while you are able to focus on the interesting field of criminal trial law. You will not be bored!

Best of all, you get to live in the beautiful setting of southeast coastal Florida communities, while making a difference in the lives of real people who need the help only a lawyer can provide.

Florida's magnificent Treasure Coast delivers incredible value for an unmatched lifestyle, and those who make the move here never want to leave.

The 19th Judicial Circuit spans 4 counties that boast a beautiful natural landscape. Our circuit features many types of attractions that cater to a wide range of interests.

Please visit our website [www.pd19.org](http://www.pd19.org) to download the State of Florida application.  
Send completed application and resume to [Didi.Dickson@pd19.org](mailto:Didi.Dickson@pd19.org).

"By seeking equality for all within the justice system, we find a better path for those who falter, making the journey better for us all. Our commitment to you and the community reaches past the courtroom."

*19th Circuit Public Defender Mission Statement*



[www.PD19.org](http://www.PD19.org)

From ocean, to river, to lake, the 19th Circuit, which is centrally located between Orlando and Miami, offers something for everyone!



- ◇ **St. Lucie County** offers more than 20 miles of beaches, world-class fishing, and championship golf. It is home to the New York Mets Spring Training, Florida's #1 Farmers Market, and countless other outdoor activities and nature adventures.
- ◇ **Martin County** is home to the city of Stuart, "The Sailfish Capital of the World," and offers everything from street festivals to sea turtle adventures. Enjoy shopping, historical art museums, over 100,000 acres of conservation land, and miles of beaches.
- ◇ **Indian River County** boasts of many locally-owned restaurants and breweries, botanical gardens, and the opportunity to snorkel through historic shipwrecks. The beautiful sport of polo can also be seen in the winter months.
- ◇ **Okeechobee County**, "The Speckled Perch Capital of the World," features exceptional rodeos, Seminole Brighton Casino, adventurous airboat rides, and premiere shooting sports clubs.

## What we do...

Assistant Public Defenders safeguard the constitutional rights of the indigent accused of committing a crime. The work is fast paced and litigation intensive. If you care deeply about the rights of individuals, equal access to justice for all, and find criminal law and litigation stimulating, becoming an Assistant Public Defender in the 19th Judicial Circuit would be the right career choice for you.

### By the numbers...

Starting Salary for an Assistant Public Defender	\$65,000
<i>Plus</i> the following annual benefits:	
Employer Health Insurance Contribution (Employee responsibility - \$8.34/mo for individual)	\$21,613
Employer Retirement Contribution	\$20,520
<b>Total Annual Salary and Benefits:</b>	<b>\$107,133</b>

### Additional Benefits

- ◇ \$25,000.00 life insurance policy
- ◇ Annual leave - 13 days per year, increases with length of service
- ◇ Sick leave - 13 days per year
- ◇ Paid holidays - 13 days per year
- ◇ Short-term disability insurance - paid by the State of Florida
- ◇ State retirement benefits - vesting after 8 years in pension plan or 1 year in the investment plan
- ◇ Optional employee paid supplement insurance plans available (vision, dental, cancer, hospitalization, and disability)
- ◇ Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) - Applies to pension plan members, and will result in a lump sum payment of accumulated benefits, for a period of up to five years
- ◇ Deferred compensation - option of saving portion of monthly salary in a tax-sheltered account
- ◇ Opportunities to earn CLE credits and attend a variety of conferences
- ◇ Florida Bar dues paid by the office every year

### Cost of Living

Cost of living is the amount of money needed to cover basic expenses such as housing, food, taxes, and healthcare in a certain place and time. Cost of living is a good way to compare how expensive it is to live in one city versus another. According to Salary.com, the cost of living in Vero Beach, Ft. Pierce, and Okeechobee are all 6.9% lower than the national average. In addition, Port St. Lucie was ranked by U.S. News as one of the best places to live in Florida in 2021!

