

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS BY
THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

The following actions are being posted in accordance with Civil Service Rule 109. In the absence of a protest addressed to the Human Resources Director, the proposed changes will become final seven (7) calendar days from the posting date.

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AMEND THE FOLLOWING JOB SPECIFICATION(S):
(Job specification(s) attached)

Item #	Job Code	Title
1	8142	Public Defender's Investigator
2	8143	Senior Public Defender's Investigator

Protests on an item should be addressed to the Human Resources Director and can be submitted by mail to the City and County of San Francisco, Department of Human Resources, 1 South Van Ness Ave, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 or by email to DHR.ClassificationActionPostings@sfgov.org. All protests must be received in writing no later than close of business seven (7) calendar days from the posting date, and must include the posting and item number(s), the basis on which the protest is submitted and identify the affected parties.

Copies of this notice may be obtained from the Department of Human Resources or from the website at: <http://sfdhr.org/index.aspx?page=109>. Copies of Civil Service Rule 109 may be obtained from the Department of Human Resources, the office of the Civil Service Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 720, San Francisco, CA 94102 or from the website at: [Rule 109 Position Classification and Related Rules | Civil Service Commission](#).

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Title: Public Defender's Investigator
Job Code: 8142**

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, performs responsible investigative work in connection with criminal and juvenile complaints and offenses under the jurisdiction of the Public Defender's Office; -and assists in the preparation and defense of criminal cases in the Superior Court.

Requires responsibility for interpreting and carrying out existing methods and procedures relating to investigative activities of the public defender's office; making responsible contacts with law enforcement officials, outside agencies and organizations; other departmental officials and the general public in connection with investigative activities; gathering, preparing and maintaining important investigation records.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is the journey level code in the series. Job code 8142 is distinguished from job code 8143 Senior Public Investigator in that the latter may supervise and review the work of the former.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

According to Civil Service Commission Rule 109, the duties specified below are representative of the range of duties assigned to this job code/class and are not intended to be an inclusive list.

1. Conducts investigations of a wide variety of criminal cases to provide support for legal defense in fraud, homicide, other felonies and misdemeanor charges; reviews documents in criminal and juvenile cases and identifies, evaluates and collects information, data and evidence. Visits scenes, develops leads, contacts and sources of information, interviews witnesses, victims, law enforcement officials, representatives of agencies and other particulars to gather statements and information on events surrounding cases; this includes visiting and interviewing patients, mentally ill clients, doctors and members of the family; and serves subpoenas.
2. Collects and evaluates physical and material evidence and discusses findings with attorneys to determine crime connection and admissibility in trial; takes photographs and measurements, locates witnesses, conducts background investigations and uncovers inconsistencies during the course of the investigation; testifies in court on matters regarding evidence and investigative findings.
3. Maintains complete records of investigative activities; this includes the contacts made, findings of evidence, collected statements, description of scenes, analysis of cases and other information relevant to the defense; and prepares investigative reports.
4. Performs related duties as required.

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: applicable laws and legal techniques, principles and procedures used in conducting criminal defense investigations, and understanding and working with attorneys to understand the elements of and defenses to crimes as they relate to each particular case;

Ability or Skill to: review and analyze discovery in criminal and juvenile cases; identify, evaluate and collect information, data and evidence in the course of investigations; exercise discretion, independent judgment, critical thinking and problem solve in a timely and efficient manner;; detect and uncover discrepancies and inconsistencies; prioritize work by planning and organizing multiple work assignment; work effectively and reliably in teams with attorneys, paralegals, other investigators, experts, and department support staff; establish rapport, and interact professionally; verbally communicate clearly and accurately with diverse groups of people, including clients, clients' families, attorneys, department support staff, field contacts, institutional contacts, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, witnesses and the general public; communicate and express ideas in writing-; use a working knowledge of vocabulary and grammar; prepare correspondence and reports in a clear understandable manner; promote, establish and maintain a cooperative relationship with individuals, groups, officials, representatives and general public; interact tactfully, courteously and diplomatically with others; work effectively in an objective and impartial manner; –with cultural sensitivity to various groups of people.

Skill to: operate a motor vehicle and operate/ learn to operate computer equipment, electronic devices and investigation related equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

These minimum qualifications establish the education, training, experience, special skills and/or license(s) which are required for employment in the classification. Please note, additional qualifications (i.e., special conditions) may apply to a particular position and will be stated on the exam/job announcement.

~~4. Two (2) One (1) years (2,000 hours) of verifiable experience as a public defender's investigator, district attorney's investigator or licensed administrative and/or law enforcement investigator, or a licensed private investigator, or experience. Experience must include performing investigative work in a professional field, such as law, social justice, media/journalism, public health/welfare, human/civil rights, education, social sciences, public policy, or non-profit work; connection with administrative, juvenile petitions, criminal and/or civil crimes, complaints and offenses;~~ OR

~~2. Two (2) years of comparable and verifiable experience as a professional investigator in criminal matters involving cases of crimes, complaints, or offenses, including interviewing witnesses, examining crime scenes, and investigating circumstances of alleged criminal conduct;~~ OR

~~3. Possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, in Criminal Justice, Forensics or related field, such as Sociology, Political Science, Psychology or Journalism AND one (1) year of verifiable investigator training or verifiable experience performing~~

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investigative work in a professional field, such as law, media/journalism, public health/welfare, human/civil rights, business (ie. finance, insurance), education, social sciences, public policy, government, non-profit or related field.

License and Certification:

Possession of a valid CA driver's license.

Substitution:

Applicants may substitute up to 2 years of the required education with additional qualifying experience as described in section #3 above. One year (2000 hours) of additional qualifying experience will be considered equivalent to 30 semester units/45 quarter units.

One (1) year (2,000 hours) of verifiable investigator training may substitute for the one (1) year of required experience.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

PROMOTIVE LINES

ORIGINATION DATE: 5/10/62
AMENDED DATE: 8/2/76; 8/29/01; 10/24/13; **X/XX/2023**
REASON FOR AMENDMENT: *To accurately reflect the current tasks, knowledge, skills & abilities, and minimum qualifications.*
BUSINESS UNIT(S): COMMN SFCCD SFMTA SFUSD

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**Title: Senior Public Defender's Investigator
Job Code: 8143**

DEFINITION

Under direction, performs highly confidential and responsible investigative work in connection with criminal complaints and offenses under the jurisdiction of the Public Defender's Office; supervises and reviews the work of subordinate investigators. In absence of unit supervisor, performs administrative work, including the assigning of cases.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is the supervisory level code in the series. Job code 8143 is distinguished from job code 8142 Public Investigator in that the latter performs journey level investigative work and receives supervision from the former.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

First level supervision of investigators.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

According to Civil Service Commission Rule 109, the duties specified below are representative of the range of duties assigned to this job code/class and are not intended to be an inclusive list.

1. Supervises investigators performing investigative work on criminal cases under the jurisdiction of the Public Defender's Office; advises and assists investigators with difficult and complex investigative assignments.
2. Assists defense attorneys by participating in special investigations connected with serious criminal cases before the superior and municipal courts; gathers and preserves evidence.
3. Reviews policies and procedures with the public defender and informs members of the investigative staff of any changes in policies and procedures..
4. Participates in investigations involving mental health and juvenile division; may visit medical personnel, members of families and witnesses connected with a case, as needed.
5. Serves subpoenas when required.
6. May prepare diagrams and photographs of the scene of the crime; obtains medical records from the Coroner, hospitals and other sources, and business records as necessary.
7. Maintains records on all investigations; this includes the contacts made, findings of evidence, collected statements, description of scenes, analysis of cases and other information relevant to the defense; prepares investigative reports.
8. In absence of unit supervisor, performs administrative work in the unit; assigns cases.
9. Performs related duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: Knowledge of penal codes, welfare and institutional codes, and court procedures in order to ascertain investigative needs; conducting investigations for the most serious

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offenses including homicide, three-strike law, and other life term sentences; computer skills such as WordPerfect.

Ability or Skill to: analyze and evaluate data collected in the course of investigations; interact **and communicate** orally in a courteous and effective manner with law enforcement officials and members of the public; ~~communicate orally in a courteous and effective manner with law enforcement officials, departmental officials and members of the general public;~~ communicate effectively in writing, including preparation of records and reports; plan, organize, assign and review the work of other investigative personnel including the preparation of records and reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

These minimum qualifications establish the education, training, experience, special skills and/or license(s) which are required for employment in the classification. Please note, additional qualifications (i.e., special conditions) may apply to a particular position and will be stated on the exam/job announcement.

Experience:

1. Three (3) years (6,000 hours) of verifiable experience as a public defender's investigator, district attorney's investigator or a licensed private investigator, or experience performing investigative work in a professional field, such as law, social justice, media/journalism, public health/welfare, human/civil rights, education, social sciences, public policy, or non-profit work; ~~connection with criminal complaints and offenses; the above experience must include one year of experience conducting criminal investigations in serious crimes such as homicide or three strike life sentences;~~ **OR AND possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;**

OR

2. Four (4) years (8,000 hours) of verifiable experience as a public defender's investigator, a licensed private investigator, or experience performing investigative work in a professional field, such as law, social justice, media/journalism, public health/welfare, human/civil rights, education, social sciences, public policy, or non-profit work.

~~Three years of comparable and verifiable experience as a professional investigator in criminal matters involving cases of crimes, complaints, or offenses, including interviewing witnesses, examining crime scenes, and investigating circumstances of alleged criminal conduct; the above experience must include one year of experience conducting criminal investigations in serious crimes such as homicide or three strike life sentences~~

License and Certification:

Possession of a valid **CA** driver's license

Substitution:

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One (1) year (2,000 hours) of verifiable investigator training may substitute for one (1) year of the required experience.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment: requires considerable amount of climbing stairs and walking.

PROMOTIVE LINES

ORIGINATION DATE: 9/11/72

AMENDED DATE: 8/2/76; 8/29/01; X/XX/2023

REASON FOR AMENDMENT: *To accurately reflect the current tasks, knowledge, skills & abilities, and minimum qualifications.*

BUSINESS UNIT(S): COMMN