

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION



COUNTY OF NEVADA
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Walsh, Christopher
2021-0225 DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

POSITION TITLE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY		EXAM ID# : 2021-0225
NAME: (Last, First, Middle) Walsh, Christopher		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: N/A
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) [REDACTED]		EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
HOME PHONE: [REDACTED]		NOTIFICATION PREFERENCE: Email
DRIVER'S LICENSE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DRIVER'S LICENSE: State: CA Number: [REDACTED]	LEGAL RIGHT TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PREFERENCES

WHAT TYPE OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? Regular
TYPES OF WORK YOU WILL ACCEPT: Full Time
SHIFTS YOU WILL ACCEPT: Day, On Call (as needed)

EDUCATION

DATES:	SCHOOL NAME: Oak Brook College of Law	
LOCATION: (City, State/Province) Fresno, California	DID YOU GRADUATE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DEGREE RECEIVED: Professional
DATES:	SCHOOL NAME: Excelsior College	
LOCATION: (City, State/Province) Albany, New York	DID YOU GRADUATE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	DEGREE RECEIVED: Bachelor's
MAJOR: History/Psychology	UNITS COMPLETED: 120 - Semester	

WORK EXPERIENCE

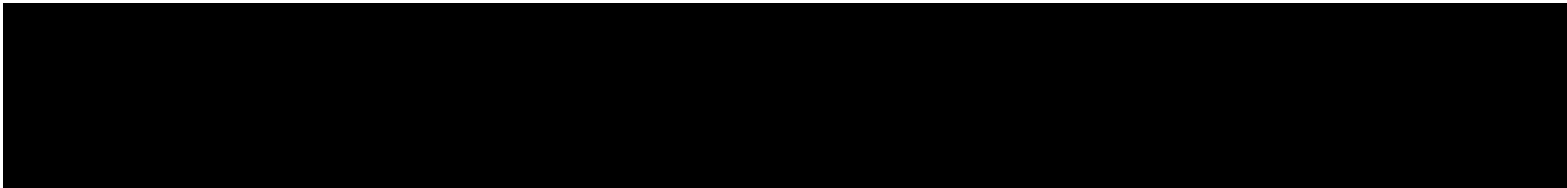
DATES: From: 6/2017 To: Present	EMPLOYER: Nevada County District Attorney	POSITION TITLE: Assistant District Attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 201 Commercial Street, Nevada City, California, 95959		
SUPERVISOR: Clifford Newell - District Attorney	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40		
DUTIES: As the Assistant District Attorney in a smaller office I manage the day to day operations of the office. I am involved in personnel decisions, filing decisions on major cases, officer involved shooting investigations, managing a team of prosecutors, support staff, and investigators. I also personally prosecute the most complex homicide cases that take place in our county. I am also involved in community outreach and public relations for the office.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: I am looking to continue to serve here in Nevada County as the District Attorney.		
DATES: From: 3/2013 To: 6/2017	EMPLOYER: Santa Clara County District Attorney	POSITION TITLE: Deputy District Attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 70 West Hedding Street, West Wing, San Jose, California, 95110		
SUPERVISOR: Stacey Capps - Assistant District Attorney	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40		
DUTIES: I was assigned to the sexual assault unit and then homicide unit. In these assignments I covered everything involved in the vertical prosecution of the cases from charging, motions, preliminary hearings, jury trial and sentencing.		

REASON FOR LEAVING: Accepted a position in Nevada County.		
DATES: From: 1/2007 To: 3/2013	EMPLOYER: Fresno County District Attorney	POSITION TITLE: Deputy District Attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 2100 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721		
SUPERVISOR: Douglas Haas - Chief Deputy District Attorney	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40		
DUTIES: I was assigned to felony trial teams, did a lengthy stint on the gang unit (referred to as MAGEC), the sexual assault unit, and the homicide unit. In these assignments my duties involved every aspect of criminal prosecution from filing, discovery, motions, preliminary hearings, taking cases to jury trial and handling sentencing.		
REASON FOR LEAVING: Took a job in Santa Clara County.		
DATES: From: 8/2005 To: 12/2006	EMPLOYER: Kings County District Attorney	POSITION TITLE: Deputy District Attorney
ADDRESS: (Street, City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code) 1400 West Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California, 93230		
SUPERVISOR: Keith Fagundes - District Attorney	MAY WE CONTACT THIS EMPLOYER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
HOURS PER WEEK: 40		
DUTIES: Assigned to misdemeanor trials, and covered felonies up until after preliminary hearing. I also handled wide ranging legal motions.		

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES	
TYPE: California State Bar	
LICENSE NUMBER: 235118	ISSUING AGENCY:

Skills
Nothing Entered For This Section

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Honors & Awards 2000 - Courage Award - American Cancer Society Honors & Awards 2008 - Prosecutor of the Year Award - Fresno County District Attorney's Office Honors & Awards 2012 - Prosecutor of the Year Award - Fresno County District Attorney's Office Honors & Awards 2015 - Menard Award nominee - Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office



Agency-Wide Questions

1. Are you presently an employee of the County of Nevada?
Yes
2. Have you ever been employed by the County of Nevada?
Yes
3. If you have been employed by the County of Nevada, please tell us when and in what department.
Currently employed at the District Attorney's Office.
4. Are you related by blood or marriage to any person presently employed by the County of Nevada?
No
5. If you are related to a current Nevada County employee, please tell us the name of the person and the department in which he/she works.
N/A
6. Have you ever been discharged from any employment or forced to resign?
No
7. If you have been discharged or forced to resign, please provide details such as dates, name of former employer, and reason.
N/A
8. Did you graduate from high school or receive a G.E.D.?
Yes
9. Please indicate your age group as either 15 to 17, or, as 18 or above.
18 and above
10. May we contact your present employer for employment verification and/or reference checking, if selected for finalist consideration?
Yes
Some positions require specific types of education, such as a Bachelor's degree; a license or certificate, such as a Wastewater Treatment Operator license; and/or a typing certificate. Some positions require other types of documentation, such as verification of CPR training. Remember to redact SSN and-or date of birth on any documentation you are submitting. I have read and understand that if the position for which I am applying requires me to verify education, training, licensure, typing speed, or any other requirement, that I must attach non-returnable copies of such proof. I further understand that if I fail to do so at the time I apply, I may be disqualified from consideration for the position.
Yes
12. Where did you see this job advertisement?
County website

Job Specific Supplemental Questions

1. Are you an active member of the California State Bar Association?

Yes, I am an active member of the California State Bar Association.

2. While a successful candidate is not technically required to have five years of public law experience, we offer to you that this amount and type of experience is strongly advisable for this level of position. Your answer to this question, therefore, will not be used in a manner that disqualifies you from eligibility for the position.

I have over five years of experience in the field of public law pertaining to criminal justice, with extensive administrative and organizational responsibility.

The following terms were accepted by the applicant upon submitting the online application:

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: The County is committed to a policy of equal application of rules and regulations in all employment practices including hiring, firing, promotion, compensation and other items, privileges, and conditions of employment. The County prohibits discrimination against employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age (over 40), sexual orientation, or military and veteran status or any other basis protected by law.

These answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. The County may investigate all statements contained in this application, and I understand that any false or misleading information provided during the application or interview process will result in withdrawal from consideration for employment or potential disciplinary action if I am hired, regardless of when discovered. I understand that this application is not a contract of employment. I also understand that certain positions with the County are "at will" positions which means the employment relationship between myself and the County is terminable-at-will so that both the County and I remain free to choose to end our work relationship at anytime for any or no reason. I also understand that any offer of employment may be conditioned upon a health evaluation by a doctor selected by the County, to determine whether I can perform the job duties. In addition, I understand a drug or alcohol test may be required depending on County policy. I authorize the County to make a thorough investigation of my past employment, education and job-related activities, and I release from liability all persons, companies and corporations supplying such information. I also indemnify this County against any liability which might result from making such investigation. Additionally, I authorize the County to supply my employment record, in its sole discretion, in whole or in part, to any prospective employer, government agency, or other party, with an interest the County deems appropriate.

This application was submitted by Christopher Walsh on 5/11/21 12:38 PM

Signature_____

Date_____

May 10, 2021

Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Ave
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Hiring Panel,

Please consider my application for appointment as Nevada County District Attorney.

My experience makes me a uniquely qualified candidate for this position. I have been a prosecutor for the past fifteen years. The past four-years I have served in a management role as Assistant District Attorney here in Nevada County. I worked previously in Kings, Fresno, and Santa Clara County, and have excelled in each office. In my career I have been assigned to specialty units that focused on criminal street gangs, sexual assault, and homicide. I have tried many high-profile and complex cases; including a cold case, rape-murder committed in 1983. I was twice recognized as the Prosecutor of the Year in Fresno County and was nominated for Trial Attorney of the year in Santa Clara County.

Importantly, I am grounded in this community. Over the past years Nevada County went from being a beautiful place where I wanted to live to becoming my home. My kids go to school here and are involved in sports. I own a house on Banner Mountain and a cabin in Truckee. I have developed strong connections with local law enforcement, community leaders, and civic groups.

I have the support of my boss, District Attorney Cliff Newell. I have included his most recent evaluation of me as a part of this application. I am also proud to have the support of the deputy district attorneys here in Nevada County that I have the privilege of working with every day. We have a great team and it would be an honor to lead them moving forward.

If appointed to this position an immediate goal of mine is to establish a vertical prosecution assignment for domestic violence cases. I would continue to expand treatment for lower level offenses in a focused way that emphasizes accountability and results. As to violent crime I want this office to consistently have a tough but fair approach. My long-term goal is to see prosecutors stay in this office for their careers and become leaders in this community and on the bench.

What I personally bring to this position is that I am a good communicator, a hard worker, and I have good judgement when it comes to making difficult decisions. The fight for justice is truly my life's work. I want to spend it here keeping Nevada County a safe place to live.

Sincerely,



Christopher Walsh

CHRISTOPHER WALSH



EDUCATION

Oak Brook College of Law – 2004
Juris Doctor
Honors: cum laude

Excelsior College – 2005
Bachelor of Arts in History
Honors: cum laude

EXPERIENCE

Nevada County District Attorney's Office June 2017 – Present
Assistant District Attorney

- Supervising Prosecutor: I manage ten prosecutors, as well as legal staff and investigators. I continue to prosecute complex homicide cases. Completed four jury trials in this role.

Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office March 2013 – May 2017
Deputy District Attorney

- Homicide Unit: Completed three homicide trials in this assignment. Including a special circumstances rape-murder, cold case that took place in 1983.
- Sexual Assault Unit: Completed nine serious felony jury trials.

Fresno County District Attorney's Office January 2007 – March 2013
Deputy District Attorney

- Gang Unit: Completed thirteen jury trials; including two special circumstances gang murder trials, and a complex, ten-defendant, out-of-state gang case.
- Felony Trial Teams: Completed sixteen felony jury trials.

Kings County District Attorney's Office August 2005 – January 2007
Deputy District Attorney

- Misdemeanor Unit: Completed fifteen misdemeanor jury trials.

AWARDS

Courage Award - American Cancer Society, Florida Division – 2000
Prosecutor of the Year - Fresno County District Attorney's Office – 2008
Prosecutor of the Year - Fresno County District Attorney's Office – 2012
Menard Award nominee - Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office – 2015