



Nye County Seeks Public Defender Attorneys: Letters of Interest Due 5 p.m. Oct. 8

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Nye County wants attorneys or law firms to contract as public defenders for people who cannot afford a lawyer in the 5th Judicial District Court and the Beatty, Pahrump and Tonopah justice courts. Contracts are up to \$200,000 a year. Letters of interest with qualifications are due by 5 p.m. PDT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026. The county plans to present them to commissioners and award contracts on Oct. 20.

Nye County is asking attorneys and law firms to send letters of interest, with their qualifications, to provide public defense. Public defenders represent people charged with crimes who a court has found cannot afford a lawyer.

The work covers the 5th Judicial District Court and the justice courts in Beatty, Pahrump and Tonopah. The county wants independent attorneys or firms to be primary counsel for those courts.

Each contract is up to \$200,000 a year, depending on qualifications, paid in equal quarterly payments. Contract attorneys are independent contractors and get no county benefits.

The work

Represent adults found indigent at every stage of a criminal case, including direct appeals, probation or parole revocations and specialty courts. Capital (death penalty) cases are not included.

Represent children alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision when a court appoints counsel under NRS Chapter 62, and provide services to the Juvenile Court of Nye County.

Attend Justice Court 48-hour in-custody hearings on a rotation with other consortium lawyers, and keep serving any client already assigned on the start date.

Meet the training, education and qualification standards of Nevada's Board of Indigent Defense Services, including applying with the Department of Indigent Defense Services. Follow the Nevada and ABA rules of professional conduct.

Timeline

Request issued: Sept. 10, 2026. Letters due: 5 p.m. PDT Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026. Presentation to the Board of Commissioners and contract award: Oct. 20, 2026.

Send letters to Lorina Dellinger, Assistant County Manager, Nye County, P.O. Box 153, Tonopah, NV 89049, or by email to ldellinger@nyecountynv.gov.

Official source

Nye County News Flash, "Request for Letters of Interest for Public Defense Services," posted Sept. 10, 2026: <https://www.nyecountynv.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx>

Notes

- Sources checked Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, between about 8:20 and 9:30 a.m. PT.
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