

# SOUTHWESTERN INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES Office of the Medical Examiner



**Dallas County, Dallas, TX** 



## **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

# **Chief Deputy Medical Examiner**

#### Staff Medical Examiner

The Dallas County Office of the Medical Examiner is a NAME-accredited office housed within the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, a fully-integrated building providing forensic services to a population of approximately 2.6 million individuals in the Dallas metropolitan area and to several other neighboring counties. The Chief Deputy Medical Examiner position oversees 12 full-time staff Medical Examiners, 2 Forensic Pathology fellows, and a full-time Forensic Anthropologist. Medical Examiners are supported by ancillary staff consisting of 20 full-time Medicolegal Death Investigators, 10 full-time Autopsy Technicians, and direct access to all Dallas County Forensic Science laboratories, Forensic Odontology, and Neuropathology through the UT Southwestern Department of Pathology. Our morgue accommodates up to 12 simultaneous autopsies, and radiologic imaging is performed using the Lodox® system.

Our Forensic Pathology fellowship program is ACGME-accredited, thus the position also includes academic appointment and affiliation with the UT Southwestern Department of Pathology and requires acceptance by that institution.

The starting date for these positions is negotiable and pending receipt of Texas medical licensure.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Medical Degree (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from an accredited medical school with American Board of Pathology certification in Anatomic and Forensic Pathology
- Current or ability to obtain Full Texas Medical License (https://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/licensing)
- Must be approved by UT Southwestern Medical School

# **JOB REQUIREMENTS**

- Performing external examinations and/or autopsies of bodies, collecting specimens and evidentiary
  materials, and requesting/performing appropriate analyses to assist with determination of cause and manner
  of death and related medico-legal issues
- Preparing written opinion reports regarding case findings, including the interpretation of special analyses requests, and issuing death certificate
- Reviewing investigation reports provided by Medicolegal Death Investigators to establish case jurisdiction and to make initial determination regarding course and scope of inquest
- Directing and closely supervising activities of support staff assisting with inquest
- Providing medical information and consultation services to families of decedents, legal community, and others regarding case findings
- Providing expert witness testimony in legal proceedings, as required
- Teaching of medical school students, pathology residents, and Forensic Pathology fellows
- Participating in relevant research and publication
- Presenting forensic pathology lectures to staff, medical students, and others
- Chief Deputy Medical Examiner: Directs and conducts inquests, provides direct supervision of 12 Medical Examiners, 2 Forensic Pathology Fellows, 1 Forensic Anthropologist, and general supervision to Medical Examiner support staff

#### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

Deputy Chief Medical Examiner: \$373,354+ depending on qualifications and experience

**Staff Medical Examiner:** \$276,000+ depending on qualifications and experience

Competitive and generous Compensation, Health, and Retirement Benefit packages available through Dallas County include:

- Medical, dental, and vision coverage with prescription plan
- Flexible Spending Account
- Disability and Life insurance
- Texas County and District Retirement System Program and Deferred Compensation Program
- Potential annual salary increases

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Inquiries with attached curriculum vitae can also be submitted to Dr. Jessica Dwyer, Director and Chief Medical Examiner, at <a href="mailto:Jessica.Dwyer@dallascounty.org">Jessica.Dwyer@dallascounty.org</a>.