



ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER

DISTRICT 1 – PENSACOLA, FL

The District One Medical Examiner's Office provides medicolegal death investigation services for the four most Western counties in the Florida panhandle (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton) which includes a population of nearly 800,000 residents. The primary offices are in Pensacola, Florida, with the administration annex a short commute from the off-site morgue (Sacred Heart Hospital). The morgue has 4 autopsy stations with hydraulic, fully adjustable autopsy carts, and each station is equipped with the latest technology, including large touch screen monitors for viewing nearly life size high resolution digital x-rays and laptops for diagramming digitally, voice to text dictation, and/or digitally signing reports remotely. A LODOX is expected to be incorporated into the daily workload by early 2022. A brand-new medical examiner's facility is planned, with an expected completion date of 3-4 years.

In 2020, the office investigated 1,739 deaths, autopsied 909 decedents, and performed 143 external examinations. The successful candidate would join a team of three full time doctors and several visiting doctors (locum tenens). The office is staffed by an exceptional group of employees with diverse educational backgrounds and interests but a shared passion for offering quality forensic services to the community. The District One Team consists of 7 full time medicolegal death investigators (the majority are ABMDI certified), 5 forensic autopsy technicians, a full-time transcriptionist, and an executive assistant dedicated to physician support. A board-certified Forensic Anthropologist is on staff at nearby University of West Florida and available for consultation.

The mission is to provide quality, transparent, and compassionate medicolegal death investigation services to the residents of District One.



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Role and Responsibilities

- Performs primary functions of a forensic pathologist in accordance with industry standards for autopsies, external examinations, and records reviews to determine the cause and manner of death, pursuant to Florida State Statute, Chapter 406.
- Prepares autopsy reports.
- Rotates on-service duties with other physicians on staff.
- Serves as an expert witness, providing testimony in trials, grand jury, depositions, and conferences with attorneys.
- Participates in conferences with family members, law enforcement, attorneys, and other individuals to provide information on investigations and autopsies.
- Trains personnel as needed or requested.
- Attends scene death investigations as requested.
- Provides educational lectures for students, law enforcement, and the general community.
- Reviews cases that are reported in which jurisdiction is declined.
- Reviews and authorizes cremation requests.
- Maintains all required licenses and accreditations consistent with industry standards.
- Maintains individual continuing medical education requirements and assures compliance with licensing and certification requirements.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of medicolegal death investigation policy and procedures and Florida statutes pertaining to the medical examiner (FS 406).
- Skill with professional written and verbal communication.
- Ability to function successfully in high stress situations, with a talent for conflict resolution.
- Experience in critical thinking, problem solving, and the implementation of effective courses of action.
- Can function both independently and as a team player when needed.
- Demonstrates exceptional leadership skills.
- Knowledge or willingness to adapt technologies including but not limited to using Windows 10, Microsoft Office 365, and Adobe Acrobat Pro.

Minimum Qualifications

- M.D., D.O., or equivalent medical doctorate degree.
- Board Certification in Anatomic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology.
- Board eligible by the American Board of Pathology in Forensic Pathology by the first day of employment and must become board certified in Forensic Pathology within 2 years of hire.
- *Candidates who are not yet board certified in either Anatomic or Forensic Pathology but are board eligible may be considered for employment.*
- An active and valid Florida medical license prior to first day of employment or eligibility to obtain a Florida medical license.
- A valid Florida driver's license.
- Pass a criminal background check and pre-employment drug screen.



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Compensation and Benefits Include:

- Base salary is \$240,000 for those who are at least board certified in Anatomic Pathology and board-eligible in Forensic Pathology, with an increase upon obtaining Forensic Pathology boards to a base salary of **\$250,000**. *Base salary may be negotiable based on experience and qualifications.*
- Additional compensation is possible based upon workload and number of cases. This additional compensation is paid on a quarterly basis at the current locum tenens rate per case.
- Monthly vehicle allowance, laptop, work cell phone with unlimited cellular data, as well as other executive level perks.
- Relocation expenses may be considered.
- Other benefits include health (100% employer paid), vision and dental insurance, 401k with employer contribution of 15% of base salary, two annual conferences, annual dues to relevant organizations, licensure fees and CMEs, and ample paid time off (start with 2 weeks PTO and earn 4 weeks annually).
- Outside private consultation or locums work is allowed at the approval of the chief medical examiner.
- Flexible on-service schedule with ability to work remotely up to 50% of time when the doctor is not on-service (in the morgue); anticipated on service schedule of 3 to 4 weeks per quarter.

Interested Applicants Should Contact:

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