**Job Summary:**

The Commonwealth of Virginia has an opening for a Magistrate position in Magisterial Region 6. A Magistrate is an independent judicial officer appointed by the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Region 6 is comprised of the Counties of Caroline, Charles, Essex, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Matthews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Westmoreland, and York; and the Cities of Fredericksburg, Richmond, and Williamsburg. The Magistrate will be required to conduct hearings throughout the Magisterial Region 6. The Magistrate appointed to this position primarily will serve in Stafford County located in the 15th Judicial District. The Magistrate must possess a fundamental working knowledge of Virginia civil and criminal law, and demonstrate an ability to impartially and efficiently apply that knowledge in the resolution of legal issues.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

-- Conducting neutral and impartial hearings related to searches, arrests, temporary detentions, and bail
-- Conducting legal research and analysis
-- Ascertaining and applying facts to relevant legal principles
-- Maintaining order and decorum in highly charged, sensitive circumstances
-- Receiving and accounting for money

**Minimum Qualifications/Experience:**

-- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institute of higher learning
-- Excellent English speaking, listening, and writing skills
-- Strong interpersonal skills
-- Computer proficiency
-- Preference for law degree or Virginia State Bar license
-- Preference for prior legal system experience

**Additional Information:**

This is a full-time position that consists of rotating shifts including weekends and holidays. A fundamental knowledge of criminal law and the judicial system is essential. The successful candidate must be a citizen of the United States, and either be or become a resident of Virginia prior to appointment. If not currently certified as a magistrate, the successful candidate must attend an intensive four-week training course and successfully pass a certification examination within nine months of appointment. This position offers a competitive benefits package, which includes vacation and sick leave, 12 paid holidays, health insurance, retirement, life insurance, deferred compensation and short- and long-term disability.

State application, resume and cover letter required. STATE APPLICATION MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. Applicants must apply online. Only interviewed applicants will be notified of the filling of the position. No phone calls or e-mails regarding application status.

**How to Apply:**

Please apply online via the Recruitment Management System (RMS) website:

http://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/applicants/Central?quickFind=205221

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