



Maricopa County

## Office of the Medical Examiner

**Medical Examiner Salary:** \$170,560 - \$215,238\*

*Now offering a loan repayment assistance plan as part of our comprehensive benefit package*

### Medical Examiner Position

Our National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) fully accredited office is seeking to fill 2 open positions in order to continue to align with NAME standards for case volume. The office is seeking 2 Forensic Pathologists to join a staff of 13 Medical Examiners, a Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and a Chief Medical Examiner.

Medical Examiners in Maricopa County are charged by state statute with directing death investigations involving cases in the public interest, including those affecting the criminal justice and public health systems. Successful applicants will be expected to direct medicolegal death investigations, perform postmortem examinations in compliance with NAME Forensic Autopsy Standards, document findings in narrative reports, take overnight calls from investigations staff, and offer objective consultation and/or court testimony to outside agencies, including criminal court officials and law enforcement. Our Medical Examiners are assigned dedicated days for on call coverage, exams, completing paperwork and court testimony, and teleworking.

### Maricopa County, Arizona

The Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) provides medicolegal death investigation services for the public of Maricopa County, the fourth most populous county in the United States. Serving a population of approximately 4.3 million people, the Office of the Medical Examiner is housed within a state-of-the-art 68,000 square-foot facility conveniently situated in downtown Phoenix, Arizona within walking distance from Courts, County Administration, the State Capitol, and the Phoenix Police Crime Lab. Approximately 11,000 deaths are reported annually to the Office of the Medical Examiner and



*\*non-board certified rate of pay is within salary range, but 6.7% less than final placement within salary range until successful board completion*

jurisdiction is accepted in approximately 6,100 including the performance of approximately 5,000 postmortem examinations.

## **Office of the Medical Examiner Team**



The Forensic Pathologists will join a team of 13 Board Certified/Eligible Forensic Pathologist Staff Medical Examiners, reporting directly to the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner under the leadership of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The Medical Examiners are supported by 25 ABMDI certified investigators who respond to the majority of jurisdictional scenes and staff the office 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (the investigators are assisted by a contracted vendor for transport services); 12 forensic examination technicians; 3 forensic photographers; 11 case clerks; and a full administrative support staff. Histology services are provided in-house. Toxicology testing is provided by a fully accredited external laboratory with an average 2 week turn-around-time for results. The office is also supported by a staff Forensic Anthropologist and a staff Forensic Odontologist, both Board Certified and on-site.

## **Candidate Qualifications**

Candidates must have graduated from an accredited school of medicine or osteopathy and be able to obtain a current medical license in the State of Arizona prior to start date. Candidates must be board certified or board eligible in Anatomic Pathology and Forensic Pathology (must pass boards within two years of hire). Candidates must also obtain a valid AZ Driver's License.

Candidates must possess knowledge of principles and practices of forensic pathology, laws, rules and regulations governing death investigation services, must be able to communicate effectively, including the ability to teach and train others, must establish and maintain positive professional working relationships with external stakeholders, including members of law enforcement agencies, attorneys, public health officials, and health care providers. Candidates must have the ability to operate a personal computer, including experience with Microsoft Office programs.

## **Position Benefits**

The Medical Examiner position is an exempt position with an excellent benefits package including enrollment in the Arizona State Retirement System defined benefit plan, 80 hours of vacation leave banked upon hire, 80 hours of sick leave banked upon hire, annual 1 week conference leave (expenses paid by the county), and a subsidized public transit pass. Benefits also include a Medical Examiner loan repayment assistance program which offers up to \$6,250 per quarter with a maximum total benefit of \$100,000 for outstanding, eligible student loans. Appointment as a Clinical Assistant Professor with the University of Arizona, College of Medicine – Phoenix is expected and offers access to a full service medical library. Additional incentives include the ability to telecommute on office days, a rotating call/weekend schedule, and 10 paid holidays plus one floating holiday annually.

## **Applying at Maricopa County**

For questions, please contact Julie Garrity, HR Analyst, at 602.372.6094 or by email at [julie.garrity@maricopa.gov](mailto:julie.garrity@maricopa.gov). The first review of applicants will be completed by June 7, 2019. All applications must be submitted through the online County system at: <https://jobs.maricopa.gov/#>