

# GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JOB VACANCY NOTIFICATION #16-048B

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JOB TITLE: Associate Medical Examiners (Forensic Pathologists)

JOB CODE: A2297

**POSITION NUMBER:** 00123591 & 00170537

**LOCATIONS:** Medical Examiner's Office

GBI Headquarters (HQ) & Coastal Regional Laboratory

Decatur, Georgia & Savannah, GA

**ANNUAL SALARY:** \$159,230 - \$182,792/yr.

(Salary commensurate with training and experience)

The State Medical Examiner's Office, within the Division of Forensic Sciences, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is seeking qualified applicants to fill two (2) Associate Medical Examiner positions at the GBI headquarters facility in Decatur, Georgia AND the Coastal Regional Laboratory in Savannah, Georgia. The successful applicant will join a system that encompasses two regional medical examiner offices located in Savannah and Macon, Georgia, in addition to the headquarters facility, located in Decatur, Georgia [Atlanta]. Collectively, these three offices provide complete forensic pathology services to 153 of the 159 counties in Georgia. Plans for a new Medical Examiner Office building within a new crime laboratory are under way with a projected completion date of 2018/2019.

The State Medical Examiner's Office has a total of 14 medical examiners throughout the state, including a board certified pediatric pathologist staffed at headquarters. This office also operates the Child Abuse Investigative Resource Center, which provides consultative services to law enforcement, district attorneys, the Division of Family and Children's Services, and other agencies, where inflicted injury is suspected in living children.

The <u>Decatur</u> [headquarters] facility handles approximately 3,800 autopsy cases per year, including about 400 to 475 homicides, while the <u>Savannah</u> laboratory performs approximately 550 autopsies per year. The <u>Decatur</u> [headquarters] medical examiner's staff currently consists of one (1) chief medical examiner, one (1) deputy chief medical examiner, seven (7) associate medical examiners, eighteen (18) death investigation specialists, one (1) photographer, and five (5) office support staff. The <u>Savannah</u> medical examiner's staff currently consists of two (2) doctors (1 retiring with position to be filled by successful applicant), four (4) death investigation specialists, and one (1) support staff; these are in addition to the attached crime laboratory with its entire staff. The average caseload per pathologist is between 250-300 cases per year.

The GBI Medical Examiner's Office is accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners. To learn more about the GBI Medical Examiner's Office, visit <a href="http://gbi.georgia.gov/medical-examiners-office">http://gbi.georgia.gov/medical-examiners-office</a>.

<u>Decatur, Georgia</u> is located within the Atlanta metropolitan area, a premier destination for business professionals and their families. The metro Atlanta region is home to more than 5.3 million people and nearly 150,000 businesses, a world-class airport, multiple parks and green space, competitive schools and numerous amenities for entertainment, sports and restaurants that all offer a top-tier quality of life. From its diverse economy, global access, abundant talent and low costs of business and lifestyle, metro Atlanta is a great place to call "home."

Residents have easy access to arts, culture, sports and nightlife, and can experience all four seasons, with mild winters that rarely require a snow shovel. Learn more at: <a href="http://www.metroatlantachamber.com">http://www.metroatlantachamber.com</a>.

<u>Savannah, Georgia</u> is situated among several waterways and is conveniently located just 20 minutes from Tybee Island. Savannah is well known and adored for its natural beauty, coastal cuisine, historic architecture and attractions. Savannah charms its residents and visitors with its endearing quirks and unparalleled Southern hospitality. The rich culture and history of Savannah are carefully preserved and intermingled with a hip lifestyle that appeals to newcomers and locals across generations. Many have found that Savannah is the ideal community to live in. Learn more at: <a href="http://www.savannahchamber.com/">http://www.savannah.com/</a> or <a href="http://www.savannah.com/">http://www.savannah.com/</a>

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under minimal supervision, the Associate Medical Examiner performs medicolegal autopsies under the provisions of the Georgia Death Investigation Act; generates examination reports for dissemination in a timely and efficient manner; provides expert courtroom and deposition testimony in judicial proceedings; and consults with law enforcement agencies and attorneys who work within the criminal system. The Associate Medical Examiner may perform other duties as directed by the Chief Medical Examiner.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Medical Doctor licensed to practice medicine in the state of Georgia or the ability to obtain Georgia licensure as required by state law

#### **AND**

Successful completion of an Anatomic Pathology residency and Forensic Pathology fellowship from an accredited institution

#### **AND**

Eligible for certification by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic Pathology and Forensic Pathology OR Anatomic Pathology, Clinical Pathology, and Forensic Pathology

## **CONDITION(S) OF EMPLOYMENT**

Selected candidate must be able to work a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the business which may require working weekends and/or holidays. Selected candidate must also be available to receive and respond to telephone inquiries from home, while acting in an on-call status.

# **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

The starting salary is commensurate with board certification status and work experience:

- An applicant who is not fully Board Certified and has five (5) years or less of forensic pathology experience will start at \$159,230 per year.
- An applicant who is fully Board Certified and has five (5) years or less of forensic pathology experience will start at \$174,867 per year.
- An applicant who is fully Board Certified and has six (6) years or more of forensic pathology experience, or who is not fully Board Certified but who has 20 or more years of full-time forensic pathology experience, will start at \$182,792 per year.

Advancement within the salary structure is commensurate with cumulative experience, and achievement of full Board Certification status for those who are hired but are not yet fully Board Certified.

GBI offers a generous benefits package. Employees earn vacation time and sick leave and are granted 12 paid holidays each year. There are a variety of benefit options to choose from, including vision, dental, health and life insurance. We also offer an employee retirement plan and deferred compensation options.

### **VACANCY OPEN TO ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS**

# **TO APPLY:**

## **APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:**

(2) STATE OF GEORGIA APPLICATIONS:

Georgia Bureau of Investigation Attn: Office of Human Resources P. O. Box 370808 Decatur, GA 30037-0808

Applications may be obtained by clicking the following link: **GBI State Application** 

- ❖ The Job Vacancy Number, located at the top of this announcement, along with Job Title and Job Code AND Location of Preference must be listed on applications for this vacancy.
- Applications should be filled out carefully and completely. <u>Applications will not be considered</u> that have "see attached" in lieu of completing the work history and job information on the <u>application</u>.
- ❖ Foreign Education: Applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside the U.S. must have their foreign education evaluated by an accredited organization to ensure that the foreign education is equivalent to education received in accredited educational institutions in the U.S. This evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation that includes each completed course/subject and the U.S. credit equivalent. Applicants must submit (2) copies of the credential evaluations to the address noted above by the deadline. For a listing of services that can perform this evaluation, see the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services website at <a href="http://www.naces.org/members.htm">http://www.naces.org/members.htm</a>.
- ❖ Due to the volume of applications we receive, we are unable to provide information on application status by phone or by e-mail. Applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted to arrange an appointment. Applicants who are not selected for an interview will not receive notification.
- The GBI reserves the right to close this job announcement once a qualified applicant pool has been identified.
- Employment for the selected candidate(s) is contingent upon the successful completion of a GBI background investigation including criminal, credit and driver's history checks, fingerprinting and drug screening.
- Click the following link for a list of GBI Employment Disqualifiers.
- Due to budget constraints, the GBI is unable to sponsor or take over sponsorship of an employment visa.

All applications must be received in the GBI Office of Human Resources by close of business on the deadline date posted on this job vacancy announcement

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