

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS

POSITION #: 2014-2-LEGAL
ANNOUNCED: January 6, 2014
CLOSES: February 17, 2014

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington is accepting applications for one and possibly two Assistant Federal Public Defenders in the Seattle office. These positions are dependent on federal funding.

The Assistant Federal Defender provides legal representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses or involved in post conviction proceedings in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Responsibilities include managing a caseload with cases at varying stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs and motions; appearing on behalf of the client in court hearings and at other related proceedings; providing representation of individuals in federal habeas corpus proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §2254 and §2255; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members and other duties as assigned.

The successful applicant must be a graduate from an accredited law school and a member in good standing with a state bar association. Three years trial experience and excellent writing skills are required. The applicant should be prepared to immediately undertake the representation of clients in serious criminal and habeas corpus cases in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, as well as appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Essential for this position are the following capabilities: manage a heavy caseload, travel, work flexible hours, possess a reputation for integrity, work in a team environment, and possess effective organizational and prioritization skills. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. The starting salary range is \$82,815 to \$143,728 with potential for promotion. The salary will be based on education and years of relevant experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. This position is dependent on federal funding and subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful outcome of a background fingerprint check. The job description for this position is available at <http://waw.fd.org>.

Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and two work references (including their names, addresses and telephone numbers). This position will be open until filled. Applications may only be submitted by U.S. Mail to:

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NO TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL INQUIRIES PLEASE.

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