

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Federal Public Defender
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Federal Public Defender is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Federal Public Defender Office provides defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in federal court pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A. The outside practice of law is prohibited. The start date for this position will not be before **October 5, 2015** and will be subject to the availability of FY2016 funding. This position does not require fluency in the Spanish language but that language skill is desirable.

An Assistant Federal Public Defender must have a commitment to the representation of indigents, a reputation for personal integrity, and meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Significant experience in the area of criminal defense;
- (2) Computer literacy;
- (3) Proven research and writing skills;
- (4) The ability to assume a caseload immediately without significant supervision;
- (5) Must be licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana.

The position will require travel throughout the district, out of district training, irregular work hours, or working weekends and holidays when necessary. Applicants must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance.

The salary of an assistant federal public defender is commensurate with that of an assistant U.S. attorney with similar qualifications and experience. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. This position is subject to a mandatory background investigation. Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit) is required.

Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, resume with three (3) professional references familiar with applicant's research and writing skills, recent writing sample that has not been edited by others, and minimum salary requirements to: Assistant Federal Public Defender, 500 Poydras Street, Suite 318, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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