

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Full-Time Temporary Entry Level
Assistant Federal Public Defender
New Orleans, Louisiana**

The Federal Public Defender is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender in New Orleans, Louisiana. **This position will expire September 30, 2018.** Possible extension of this position past September 30, 2018 will be subject to the availability of FY2019 funds.

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. This position does not require fluency in the Spanish language but that language skill is desirable. This is an entry level hybrid position with a mix of responsibilities including:

- A) Legal research and writing skills to assist trial attorneys;
- B) A partial caseload in district court;
- C) A partial appellate caseload

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

- (1) 1-2 years of legal experience in federal court, preferably with writing or clerkship experience;
- (2) Computer literacy;
- (3) Proven research and writing skills;
- (4) The desire to assume the 3 responsibilities listed above working in partnership with veteran attorneys;
- (5) Admitted to practice in good standing before a state bar and licensed to practice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana no later than the initial hire date;
- (6) Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to be employed in the United States

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. **Providing the hire date is prior to October 1, 2017, the position will 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 in a single **Adobe PDF** file the following: 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: LAE_Employment@fd.org. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Applications must be received by June 2, 2017.

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