

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Research & Writing Attorney
Office of the Federal Public Defender
Middle District of Tennessee

THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER is accepting applications for the position of research and writing attorney. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

This office believes that true excellence is achieved through collaboration between people of diverse perspective and shared respect. We seek applicants who are willing to give their best to our indigent clients in a team oriented environment.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: A research and writing attorney must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state; (2) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee by the time of entrance on duty or within one year of that date; and (3) eligible to be licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The research and writing attorney drafts motions, memoranda, petitions, and briefs to be filled in in criminal and habeas corpus cases in the U.S. district court, the U.S. court of appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Consults with the assistant defenders on legal issues arising in motion practice, evidentiary hearings, trials, and appeals, and on general advice to clients. Performs general legal duties, and other duties as assigned.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The successful applicant will have an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is preferred.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: The starting salary of a research and writing attorney is commensurate with experience. The position is a graded position ranging from grade JSP-9 to grade JSP-15. 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. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

HOW TO APPLY: Due to current workload demands, this position will be filled on an expedited basis. Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, résumé, list of references and 5 pages of a representative writing sample. **Applications accepted until position filled.** Send completed application by mail, fax or email to:

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