

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PANAMA CITY DIVISION**

The assistant federal public defender in our Panama City Division will soon be called to active duty with the Army for a period of one year. We are accepting applications for a one-year position to fill the vacancy during her absence.

REQUIREMENTS: (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 Northern District of Florida prior to beginning work, and (3) at least three years of trial experience. Appointment is subject to a fingerprint and background check.

DUTIES: The assistant federal public defender will represent clients at the trial level in the District Court.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The ability to conduct effective legal research, to write clearly and convincingly, to establish rapport with even difficult clients, and the persistence to thoroughly investigate issues pertaining to guilt or innocence or sentencing are essential. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is an advantage. The successful applicant will have a reputation for personal integrity and the maturity and skill to cordially and professionally interact with others in the court system.

UNCERTAINTY: While there is no question about filling the position for the one year, there is uncertainty about where the position will be based. Earlier this year, the Court decided not to renew the lease for the existing Panama City Courthouse. There is an agreement to lease another building, but the new courthouse will not open until probably the fall of 2019. It seems likely most court proceedings will be held in Tallahassee during the interim. In the weeks to come a determination will be made as to whether our position will be in Panama City or Tallahassee. Either way, the new federal public defender will have to sometimes take the four-hour round trip between the two cities.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: The starting salary is dependent upon 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.

HOW TO APPLY: Qualified persons may apply by sending a resume and a representative writing sample in .pdf format to Faye_Wayland@fd.org. . References are optional at this point, though finalists for the position will ultimately need to provide three references.

DEADLINE: The position is open until filled.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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