

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa**

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 1801**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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The Federal Public Defender for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender. The position will initially be stationed in the Des Moines office. Mandatory relocation to a branch office may occur at some point in the future, however, depending on caseload. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Duties will include trial, appellate and ancillary matters under the direction and guidance of the Federal Defender. *Extensive travel throughout the state of Iowa will be required* for investigation and litigation. Federal criminal trial experience preferred. The successful applicant will have demonstrated a capacity or aptitude for excellence in trial and appellate practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity.

**REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited law school and be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or territory. Proficient research skills and effective written and oral communication abilities are essential. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS:** The selected candidate will be subject to a background check and subsequent favorable suitability determination as a condition of employment. Employment will be considered provisional until favorable suitability is confirmed.

**SALARY:** Commensurate to Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. Electronic Funds Transfer is required for payroll direct deposit.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Electronically submit resume, writing sample and cover letter by December 7, 2017 to Denise\_Fest@fd.org. The email subject line must read: Des Moines position announcement 1801. Only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.