



Kansas Federal Public Defender

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| Position: | Research and Writing Specialist Full-time Position |
| Location: | Topeka, Kansas |
| Application Deadline: | Applications by January 8, 2018; Open Until Filled |

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Kansas is accepting applications for the position of Research and Writing Specialist. This is a full-time appointment position stationed in Topeka, Kansas.

Job Description and Qualifications

The Research and Writing Specialist is an attorney position. Applicants must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of the state; 2) licensed to practice in the US District Court for the District of Kansas by the time of entrance on duty; and 3) licensed to practice law in the State of Kansas, or must become licensed at the earliest opportunity after entrance on duty. Criminal defense experience is preferred. Experience in immigration, habeas, and other post-conviction litigation is highly desirable.

The Research and Writing Specialist provides advanced research and writing services to the Federal Defender and First Assistant Federal Public Defender. Responsibilities include research and writing legal and policy memoranda, trial and appellate briefs, jury instructions, and other documents. General duties include research and analyses of factual and legal issues; coordinating legal issues within the FPD and Circuit; assisting with all aspects of case preparation; and assistance with legal education for the FPD and CJA panel. Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Some travel is required.

Salary and Benefits

Starting salary grade 11/1 (\$60,487) to 15/1 (\$119,834), commensurate with experience. The position is eligible for federal benefits, including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Applicant must be a US citizen or eligible to work for the federal government. Salary is payable only by direct deposit. A final offer of employment is subject to funding and a background check.

Application Information

Qualified persons may apply by emailing a letter of interest, resume, three references, and a recent writing sample in a single .pdf document to KSFPD@fd.org. Open until filled; priority consideration given to applications received by January 08, 2018. No phone calls please.

The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC §3006A to provide representation in federal criminal matters in the federal courts.

The Kansas Federal Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

Email: KSFPD@fd.org / On the web: <http://www.kansasfpd.org>

Vacancy Announcement: KSX 2018 – 04, Announced December 18, 2017