

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Appellate Attorney

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Appellate Unit, to be stationed in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The primary responsibility of this attorney will be briefing and arguing cases on behalf of indigent criminal defendants in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court; there will also be some opportunity for trial and appellate work on non-capital habeas cases. This is a full-time position located in Harrisburg, with some travel required for oral arguments primarily in Philadelphia.

Applicants must have excellent researching and writing skills, with facility in LEXIS Advance, WESTLAW, and Microsoft Office applications. Preferred applicants will have one or more of the following qualifications: graduated in the top quintile of your law school class with law journal experience; federal court or state appellate court clerkship; five years relevant practice experience preferably with substantial experience in researching and drafting appeals or dispositive trial motions. Experience in a Federal Public Defender's Office or as a CJA Panel attorney is a plus.

Applicants must be a member in good standing of a State Bar and must be eligible for immediate admission to the Bar of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Applicants should be available to commence employment within a reasonable time following a hiring decision. Salary is commensurate with experience and education and equivalent to salaries for Assistant United States Attorneys with similar experience. The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, a writing sample that you researched and drafted on your own (e.g., an appellate brief, bench memorandum, or dispositive trial court motion), and a resume with experience described in detail and references to:

Lisa Zerby, Administrative Officer
Law Offices of the Federal Public Defender
Attention: Appellate AFPD
100 Chestnut Street, Suite 306
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Applications must be received no later than January 12, 2018

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer