

**Federal Public Defender
District of the U.S. Virgin Islands**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2018-05

Assistant Federal Defender

Submission Deadline: August 10, 2018

The Office of the Federal Defender for the District of the Virgin Islands is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Defender. The Federal 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 to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

Applicant must have the ability to immediately undertake the defense of major criminal cases in the United States District Court for the District of the Virgin Islands, as well as in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Applicant must be a law school graduate and an active member in good standing of the bar in any state. Applicants with substantial federal criminal law experience, knowledge of federal criminal trial practice and federal sentencing guidelines preferred. Applicant must possess excellent research, writing and oral advocacy skills, experience in computer-assisted legal research, the ability to understand and manage complex factual and legal issues, and a reputation for integrity and commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel. An Assistant Federal Defender may not engage in the private practice of law.

The Federal Defender litigates cases in the Division of St. Thomas/St. John and the Division of St. Croix. Must be willing to work flexible hours and travel to court locations, detention facilities in the mainland and Puerto Rico.

This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualification and experience. Salary is on a scale equivalent to that of Assistant United States Attorneys. Employees of the Federal Defender are members of the judicial branch of government, considered at will, and not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Selected candidate will be subject to a satisfactory background check as a condition of employment.

To apply send cover letter, resume, three (3) professional references, and a recent writing sample via email to Omodare Jupiter, Federal Public Defender at Socorro_Melendez@fd.org.

This position is subject to continued availability of funds.

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