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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
INVESTIGATOR / MITIGATION SPECIALIST**

POSITION #: 2019-06-CINV
ANNOUNCED: July 25, 2019
CLOSES: Open until filled

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh Division) is seeking an experienced **Investigator/Mitigation Specialist** for its Capital Habeas Unit (CHU). The Unit represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings.

Job Description: The CHU Investigator /Mitigation Specialist is required to play an integral role in the development and work-up of both guilt phase and penalty phase issues, including the development of mitigation evidence. The CHU Investigator /Mitigation Specialist is responsible for supporting the development of all aspects of the Unit's cases, including: locating and interviewing witnesses with relevant information about the crime and the client's family, background, and mental health; locating and retrieving documents and other evidence; serving subpoenas; and assisting with the preparation and presentation at evidentiary hearings.

Requirements and Qualifications: Candidates must possess substantial investigative and mitigation experience. Experience with the investigation and development of defense mitigation presentations in capital trials or post-conviction cases or with mental health or social work issues is preferred but not required. Other desired qualifications include post-secondary education in relevant fields, knowledge of federal and state court systems, and familiarity with federal habeas corpus or post-conviction litigation and/or complex federal civil or criminal litigation. Candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills, and the ability to work well in a team-based approach. Candidates must possess skill using electronic investigative tools and technology. Fluency (oral and written) in the Spanish language is helpful but not required.

Candidates must possess a valid driver's license and insurance and own/operate a personal vehicle that is available for business purposes. The position requires that the incumbent occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and spend extended periods driving or riding in a car. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work in the United States.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits and will be based on education and years of relevant experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. The position is in the excepted service and does not have the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service, however the position does carry regular government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. This position is subject to mandatory direct deposit. Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful outcome of a background fingerprint check.

Interested candidates may apply by submitting a cover letter and resume *in one Adobe Acrobat document* to PAW_employment@fd.org using the subject line: **2019-06-CINV**. Candidates will be interviewed on an ongoing basis, and the position will remain open until filled.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. No telephone calls please.
Hiring subject to availability of funding.