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**Position:**      **Research and Writing Attorney**  
                         **Temporary Position #19-001**

**Location:**      **Sacramento, CA**

**Deadline:**      December 15, 2018

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The Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California is now accepting applications for the position of one Research and Writing Attorney for its Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) in the Sacramento Office. The dedicated team of attorneys, investigators, paralegals, and assistant paralegals in the CHU advocate for indigent prisoners sentenced to death. Our staff has extensive and diverse experience in life, law, and the field of capital habeas litigation. Skilled collaboration, strategic litigation, compassionate representation, and unique approaches to the issues affecting our clients are among the reflected in our CHU.

**Duties and requirements:** This is a temporary year and a day position for a **Research and Writing Specialist**. All applicants must be a member in good standing of the California State Bar. The desired candidate **must have** a minimum of ten years' experience working with lethal injection modes, methods, and protocols. The candidate should have familiarity with fact development, document review, expert witnesses, and drafting and editing legal pleadings related to lethal injection. The Federal Defender strives for diversity among its staff and encourages applications from women and minority candidates. This position may require work on holidays, evenings, and weekends. Frequent travel within the United States also may be required.

**Salary and Benefits:** This is a temporary year and a day position. Federal government benefits apply, including retirement, health, life and long-term insurances, thrift savings program, and flexible spending accounts. Direct deposit of pay required. Employees of the Federal Defender are considered "at-will" employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident in the process of applying for citizenship. Selected candidate will be subject to background check as condition of employment.

**To apply, send cover letter, résumé, three references, writing sample and a completed Application for Judicial Branch Employment form (AO78), [http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO\\_78.pdf](http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO_78.pdf), to the following email: [cae\\_hr@fd.org](mailto:cae_hr@fd.org)**

Position announced on December 5, 2018. Position closes on December 15, 2018.

The Office of the Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.