

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Middle District of Pennsylvania**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, to be located in the Scranton, PA office. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

The Scranton office is one of three Federal Public Defender offices in the Middle District, along with the main office in Harrisburg and a branch office in Williamsport. For the foreseeable future, three AFPDs, one investigator, and two paralegals will staff the Scranton office.

Requirements: The accepted applicant will be replacing our most senior AFPD, who is retiring February 28, 2019, so the accepted candidate must have sufficient experience to assume a substantial active caseload with minimal training on day one. The applicant should have a thorough knowledge of, and demonstrated excellence in, all phases of criminal trial practice, and must have a minimum of five years of first-chair criminal trial experience; and specifically, familiarity with federal criminal trial practice and procedure is highly preferred. Conversant in Spanish is a plus.

We strongly encourage women and minorities to apply.

Applicants must be a member in good standing of a State Bar in which he or she is currently admitted, and be eligible for immediate admission to the Bar of the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position. Federal salary and benefits apply. Salary is commensurate with experience and education, and is equivalent to salaries for Assistant United States Attorneys with similar experience. This position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) of net pay. The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

How to Apply: Persons may apply by sending a letter of interest and resume, with references, to:

Federal Public Defender's Office
Attention: Scranton AFPD
100 Chestnut Street, Suite 306
Harrisburg, PA 17101

We must receive your application by February 15, 2019. **No telephone calls or e-mails please.**

We intend to conduct interviews on two days in Scranton, tentatively during the week of February 18, 2019. **Strong preference for applicants who can begin work by March 18, 2019.**

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is an Equal Opportunity Employer.