

Vacancy Announcement

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE DISTRICT OF UTAH

Position Title/Number: Assistant Federal Public Defender, #2019-02

Position Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Utah is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender. 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.

Job Description/Qualifications. This position is for a licensed attorney with a minimum of two years experience to provide professional legal representation to indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court, District of Utah. Successful applicants must have a commitment to the representation of indigent persons. Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload; preparing pleadings, briefs and motions; appearing on behalf of the client in court hearings and at other related proceedings; reviewing various documents; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members and others. Applicants must possess the ability to communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, colleagues, staff and court and agency personnel. Spanish speaker strongly desired. Travel for investigation and training required. Federal public defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Requirements. Applicants must be (1) a graduate of an accredited law school; (2) admitted to practice and in good standing before the highest court of a state; and (3) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court by the time of entrance on duty. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in and for the United States.

Salary and Benefits. This position is full-time with federal benefits. Salary dependent upon qualifications and experience and equivalent to salaries of Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. Salary is payable only by electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

Conditions of Employment. Appointment to the position is contingent upon the successful completion of a background investigation including an FBI name and fingerprint check. Employees of the Federal Public Defender are members of the judicial branch of government; are considered 'at will' and can be terminated with or without cause.

Application Information. Electronically submit cover letter with resume, a recent writing sample and three professional references in PDF format only to:

Federal Public Defender Office
Attn: Paula Thompson, Administrative Assistant
utx_reception@fd.org

Posting Date: November 30, 2018 to December 21, 2018, 5:00 p.m. MST.

Position is subject to continued availability of funding. The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.