

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 Williamsport, 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 Williamsport 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 Scranton. For the foreseeable future, one AFPD, one Research and Writing Specialist, and one legal assistant/paralegal will staff the Williamsport office.

Requirements: The accepted applicant will be replacing the current Williamsport AFPD, who is retiring December 31, 2018. Because the accepted applicant—who will be handling matters in the Williamsport Federal District Court, exclusively—will be the sole Williamsport AFPD, applicants must be able to assume a substantial active caseload on arrival. The applicant must have thorough knowledge of, and demonstrated excellence in, all phases of federal criminal practice, including: grand jury; arraignments; researching, drafting, and arguing pretrial motions; plea negotiations; trials (as first chair); post-conviction motions; and sentencing. Applicants must have a minimum of seven years of directly relevant federal criminal practice experience or five years in the office of a federal defender. Fluent in Spanish is a plus. In addition, as the sole AFPD in the office, some minor supervisory and administrative duties will be required.

Women and minorities are strongly encouraged 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, resume, and references, to:

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

Applications must be received by August 23, 2018. **No telephone calls or e-mails please.** Interviews will be conducted in Williamsport on September 5 and 6. **Employment must commence no later than October 15, 2018.**

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