



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT **ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER (Appellate Unit)**

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Appellate Unit. 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. This AFPD's primary responsibility will be briefing and arguing appeals on behalf of indigent criminal defendants in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court; there will also be some opportunity for trial and appellate work on non-capital habeas cases. This is a full-time position located in Harrisburg, PA, with some travel required for oral arguments, which are held primarily in Philadelphia.

Requirements Applicants must have excellent researching and writing skills, with facility in LEXIS Advance, WESTLAW, and Microsoft Office applications. Preferred applicants will have one or more of the following qualifications: graduated in the top quintile of your law school class with law journal experience; federal court or state appellate court clerkship; at least three years relevant practice experience, preferably focused on researching and drafting appeals or dispositive trial motions. Experience in a Federal Public Defender's Office or as a CJA Panel attorney is a plus.

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: Qualified persons may apply by sending a letter of interest, a writing sample that you researched and drafted on your own (e.g., an appellate brief, bench memoranda, or dispositive trial court motion) and a resume with experience described in detail and with references, to:

**Federal Public Defender's Office
Attention: Appellate AFPD Position
100 Chestnut Street, Third Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101**

No telephone calls or e-mails please.

→ **Priority given to applications received by September 5, 2022.**

Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held in Harrisburg on September 15 and 16, with a start date as soon as reasonably possible, but preferably no later than October 10, 2022.

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