

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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Career Opportunity
Assistant Federal Defender
Vacancy Announcement Number: FY11-01

Position Announced: July 21, 2010

Applications Accepted Until: September 29, 2010

Position Description:

The office of the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Illinois is accepting applications for the position of assistant federal public defender to be stationed in the East St. Louis, Illinois office. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. An assistant federal public defender provides every aspect of legal representation to individuals charged with federal crimes and who are without resources to retain private counsel. Duties include representing defendants in hearings, trials and appeals.

Requirements:

The applicant must be a graduate of an accredited law school, an active member in good standing of the Illinois State Bar, and licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois by the time of entrance on duty.

Anticipated entrance on duty date is: January 3, 2011.

Recent law school graduates will not be considered.

Selection Criteria:

The successful applicant must have the ability to immediately undertake the defense of major criminal cases in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, as well as in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Although the successful applicant's duty station will be in East St. Louis, Illinois, travel is a requirement for this position. The Federal Public Defender litigates cases in both divisions of the

Southern District of Illinois (East St. Louis, and Benton), and travel among these two divisions on the part of an assistant federal public defender, is required.

The successful applicant must possess excellent research and writing skills, excellent oral advocacy skills, experience in computer-assisted legal research, word processing capability, time management skills, and the ability to understand and manage complex factual and legal issues. A commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel are qualities required for this position. An assistant federal public defender may not engage in the private practice of law.

Specialized Experience:

To be considered for this position, the applicant must have substantial experience, including criminal trial experience, knowledge of federal criminal trial practice, federal appellate practice and federal sentencing guidelines.

Salary and Benefits:

This is a full-time permanent position. The salary of an assistant federal public defender is commensurate with that of an assistance U.S. attorney with similar qualifications and experience. This position is in the excepted service and does not carry tenure rights of competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular Government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit)

How to Apply:

Please no telephone inquiries or faxes. Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, resume - legal experience should be described in detail including applicants' level of trial experience, and a representative writing sample to:

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Woman and minorities are strongly encourage to apply. For applicants with disabilities, this organization provides reasonable accommodations, which are decided on a case-by-case basis.

Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation including an FBI name and fingerprint check and an IRS tax check.

The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.