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***VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT***

***FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
IN THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY***

Chief Judge D. Brooks Smith of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit announces the application process for the Federal Public Defender in the District of New Jersey.

**Qualifications for the Position of Federal Public Defender**

An applicant should have the following qualifications:

- (1) a member in good standing in the bar of each state in which admitted to practice;
- (2) a minimum of five years criminal practice experience, preferably with significant federal criminal trial experience, which demonstrates an ability to provide zealous representation of consistently high quality to criminal defendants;
- (3) the ability to effectively administer the office;
- (4) a reputation for integrity; and
- (5) a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel.

Qualified candidates will be considered equally and without regard to race, sex, religious affiliation, national origin, age or disability.

Federal Public Defenders may not engage in the private practice of law and are subject to full background investigations and to judiciary financial disclosure requirements.

**Term and Salary**

A Federal Public Defender is appointed to a four-year term pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and compensation is currently set at \$172,500 per annum.

**To Apply**

The application process is entirely automated. **No paper applications will be accepted.** Applications must be submitted electronically by **12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time, October 20, 2021**. To apply, go to [www.ca3.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca3.uscourts.gov) for more information or call the Circuit Executive's Office at 215-597-0718.

**Interviews**

To the extent that the Selection Committee determines them to be necessary, interviews of candidates will be held (format, location, and date to be determined). Final interviews will be with the Court of Appeals in Philadelphia (format and date to be determined).

**Deadline**

All applications are to be received **by 12:00 noon, Eastern Standard Time, October 20, 2021.**