

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Colorado seeks an experienced felony trial attorney to handle a mix of U.S. District Court cases in our Denver Office. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide representation in federal criminal cases in the federal courts.

Job Description: The Assistant Federal Public Defender provides zealous and professional legal representation to indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload with cases at varying stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs, and motions; appearing on behalf of clients in court hearings and other related proceedings; reviewing various documents; developing litigation strategies; working with experts; and meeting with clients, witnesses, family members, and others. Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Some travel is required.

Requirements and Qualifications: Applicants must have 1) a demonstrated commitment to the rights and voices of all indigent defendants; 2) a history of superior writing and oral advocacy skills; 3) an established reputation for a strong work ethic, 4) a reputation for personal and professional integrity; and 5) a thorough familiarity with the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

Applicants must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school; 2) licensed by the highest court of a state, federal territory, or the District of Columbia; 3) a member in good standing in all courts where admitted to practice, and 4) a United States citizen, or a person authorized to work in the United States and receive compensation from this agency.

Applicants must have at least three consecutive years of criminal defense experience. Fluency in other languages is desirable.

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

Salary and Benefits: The position is full-time with federal benefits and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit.

How to Apply: Qualified individuals may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and a sample motion or brief of not more than 2500 words. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be considered. Interviews will be conducted in person. Cost of travel must be incurred by the applicant. This position is subject to the availability of funds. Applications must be received by January 31, 2014. Applications should be sent to:

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