

STAFF ATTORNEY – FEDERAL CAPITAL HABEAS PROJECT

The Federal Capital Habeas Project (“§ 2255 Project”), a program administered by the Federal Public Defender system, is accepting applications for a Staff Attorney. The § 2255 Project was established in 2006 to assist counsel, courts and especially clients with federal death penalty cases filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, the post-conviction process for federal prisoners. Our lawyers recruit qualified counsel for appointment, offer assistance and training to capital § 2255 counsel nationwide, and provide direct representation to prisoners under federal sentence of death. We also identify and research issues in a still-developing area of the law, monitor case proceedings and legal developments around the country, and maintain a wide array of data on the federal death row. Travel will be required as necessary.

The Project’s main office is in the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt, near Washington, D.C. However, full-time teleworking will be permitted for this position.

Candidates must be admitted to the practice of law in the highest court in the state where licensed. The ideal candidate will have at least five years of capital defense litigation experience in federal habeas corpus proceedings, but other relevant experience will also be considered. People of color and women are encouraged to apply.

Salary will be determined by experience, in accordance with established federal pay scales. The position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

To be considered, please submit (1) a cover letter; (2) a resume; (3) a writing sample; and (4) the names of three references via email to Banafsheh_Amirzadeh@fd.org. No phone calls please. The position will remain open until filled. Initial review of applications will begin on November 10, 2023.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows the Employee Dispute Resolution Plan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The successful candidate will be subject to a mandatory background check, including an FBI name and fingerprint check.