We are accepting applications for the full-time position of assistant federal public defender in our Tallahassee office. The federal defender organization operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

**REQUIREMENTS:** (1) a graduate of an accredited law school and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state and (2) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals prior to beginning work. Membership in The Florida Bar is not required, but is an advantage and will be encouraged upon employment. Appointment is subject to a fingerprint and background investigation. Applicants should be aware that the appointment is subject to final confirmation that the necessary funding is available.

**DUTIES:** The assistant federal public defender will represent clients at the appellate level, primarily, before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** We are looking for an individual who has exceptional research and writing skills. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is an advantage, but not necessary. A successful applicant must have a reputation for personal integrity and the maturity and skill to cordially and professionally interact with others in the court system.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:** Salary will be based upon experience and skill level consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular Government employment benefits, including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Qualified persons may apply by sending a resume and a representative writing sample. During the course of the selection process, candidates under further consideration will be asked to provide three references. Send the application via email in a .pdf format to Faye_Wayland@fd.org.

**DEADLINE:** Applications should be sent no later than **April 1, 2015.** The position will be available as of the end of May.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Florida is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.