The Federal Public Defender for the District of Oregon is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Defender to handle capital habeas corpus and other post-conviction litigation in our Portland Office.

Duties include representing clients on Oregon’s death row in their federal habeas corpus litigation, representing other habeas corpus clients, and working closely with other Assistant Federal Defenders in managing the capital and non-capital habeas caseload. The successful applicant must have the following experience: (1) a minimum of five years of criminal defense litigation, including some previous capital defense litigation at either the trial or post-conviction level; (2) experience with federal habeas corpus litigation, with a preference for capital habeas experience; (3) excellent research and writing skills. This position will focus primarily on a post-conviction practice, so while trial experience is useful it is not required.

Salary is commensurate with experience. This position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit) for payment of salary. Full federal benefits apply to this position. As with all positions with the Federal Public Defender, this is an at-will appointment that may be terminated by the Defender at any time, with or without cause, and the successful candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment. Hiring is subject to the availability of funds.

The position will remain open until filled, although preference will be given to applications received by April 14, 2015.

Send resume, writing sample and cover letter by April 14, 2015 to:

Human Resources - Recruitment
Federal Public Defender – District of Oregon
101 S.W. Main Street, Suite 1700
Portland, Oregon 97204
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No telephone calls please.
No funds are available for reimbursement of travel expenses in connection with interviews.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Proof of U.S. citizenship or other employment eligibility required.