

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL DEFENDER  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER**

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Western District of Tennessee is now accepting applications for an **Assistant Federal Public Defender in Memphis, Tennessee**. Assistant Federal Defenders provide legal representation to indigent persons charged with federal criminal offenses at both the district court and appellate levels.

Qualified applicants must have a commitment to the representation of indigent persons in addition to excellent writing, legal research and advocacy skills. Applicants must also possess the ability to communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, staff, colleagues, and other individuals that they will come into contact with as part of their employment. A reputation for integrity and commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel are qualities which are sought for this position. In addition, experience in federal court and working knowledge of the federal sentencing guidelines and of federal criminal law are also preferred.

Qualified applicants must be admitted and in good standing before a United States District Court, in combination with admission and good standing to a State Bar. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Fluency in Spanish is desirable. The position is subject to mandatory direct deposit of pay. Employment is subject to a satisfactory background check and retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination. The filling of this position is subject to fiscal year availability of funds.

Applicants should forward a resume along with three references no later than November 20, 2009 to: Stephen B. Shankman, Federal Public Defender, 200 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 200, Memphis, TN 38103. Resumes will be screened and only applicants selected will be contacted for interviews.

The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.