

OFFICE OF THE
FEDERAL DEFENDER
District of Maine

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER (AFPD)
OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, DISTRICT OF MAINE

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine, with offices in Portland and Bangor, is accepting applications for the **full time position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in Portland, Maine**. The Federal Public Defender provides legal defense and counsel to those charged with Federal crimes who cannot afford a private attorney.

REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be:

1. A graduate of an accredited law school, and a member in good standing of a state bar; membership in the Maine bar encouraged, but not required.
2. Licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine and before the First Circuit Court of Appeals, or must become so licensed before the job begins.
3. Minimum of five years of criminal trial experience, with significant federal criminal trial and appellate experience preferred.
4. A demonstrated commitment to representing those charged with crimes and unable to afford counsel.
5. Subject to a satisfactory background examination, including FBI fingerprint and IRS tax check.

This position requires a person who operates well as part of a small team and is prepared to handle a full case load with limited supervision. The successful candidate will have first-rate analytical and writing skills and a persuasive oral style; the ability to organize, prepare for and try major cases, produce substantial written work, and understand the complexities of federal criminal law. Federal trial and sentencing experience is important; we have only two lawyers in Portland. Must be able to assume a full caseload quickly and have the experience and background for federal court representation of those facing serious felony charges. Spanish fluency helpful.

We seek an experienced, highly motivated, well organized, computer literate trial lawyer, who has empathy, a passion for the courtroom and a commitment to the highest level of client representation. While primarily a trial-oriented position, there will be appellate work along with interaction with and training of the CJA panel.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

This is a full-time position based in the Portland, Maine, reporting to the Federal Public Defender. The position offers a competitive salary based on qualifications and experience and benefits afforded employees of the judicial branch of government. Selected applicant will be subject to a background investigation. This is an "at will" position. Salary is payable only by direct deposit Electronic Funds Transfer. Employment subject to continued position funding.

TO APPLY

Qualified attorneys may apply by sending a cover letter outlining your interest in this position and any special skills and experience you have; available start date; your resume; up to three references; and two writing samples, one an explanatory client letter and the second a motion or a sentencing memorandum or sentencing letter

BY NOVEMBER 30, 2009, to:

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or e-mail materials (**PDF format**) or inquiries to infomaine@fd.org. **NO TELEPHONE CALLS, PLEASE.**

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