

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
(Capital Habeas Unit)**

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in its Capital Habeas Unit (CHU). The Unit represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus litigation proceedings in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. This is a full-time position located in Harrisburg.

Requirements: Applicants must have at least five years relevant experience. The person selected must be able to undertake the representation of petitioners in capital habeas cases in federal court from the initial petition through appeal. The office seeks an individual with excellent communication skills, a commitment to poverty law or indigent criminal defense, and litigation experience in at least one of the following areas: criminal law and/or death penalty litigation, habeas corpus litigation, particularly litigation in Pennsylvania death penalty cases. A background in any area of mental health and/or social work is also helpful. The position requires travel. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a state bar and must be eligible for immediate admission to the Bars of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Salary and Benefits: Salary is commensurate with experience and education and equivalent to salaries for Assistant United States Attorneys with similar experience. The position does offer federal government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

Application Information: The position will remain open until filled. Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest and resume with experience described in detail to:

Amanda Lebbby, Administrative Assistant
Federal Public Defender's Office
Attention: CHU AFPD
100 Chestnut Street, Suite 300
Harrisburg, PA 17101

No telephone calls or e-mails please.

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.