

CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
SUPERVISING ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender Organization for the Western District of Missouri is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender to be the supervisor in its newly formed Capital Habeas Unit (CHU). The CHU represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. This is a full-time position located in Kansas City, Missouri.

The supervising Assistant Federal Public Defender for the CHU will be responsible for managing the CHU and will report directly to the Federal Public Defender. The successful applicant must: (1) be immediately able to undertake the hiring, training, and supervision of a staff charged with the representation of petitioners in federal capital habeas proceedings; (2) be a talented legal writer and a proven advocate and litigator in capital habeas cases, with substantial experience handling capital post-conviction or capital appellate cases; (3) be team oriented, committed to indigent criminal defense, and able to foster the office's role as a resource to the Criminal Justice Act panel members in capital habeas cases; and (4) have at least five (5) years of relevant experience, be a graduate of an accredited law school, and be a member in good standing of the highest court in the state where licensed.

Some management experience is preferred, as is either current or prior employment by a CHU. A background in any area of mental health and/or social work is also helpful. This position requires occasional travel. This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. Assistant defenders may not engage in the private practice of law. The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check. The position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) for payment of net pay.

Salary will be based on years of experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a cover letter, resume, references and writing sample, to:

Federal Public Defender
ATTENTION: CHU-AFPD
818 Grand Blvd., Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64106

Electronic submissions may be sent to **fpdmow@gmail.com**

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Missouri is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. **No telephone calls please.**

Position subject to the availability of funds.

Position open until filled.