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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #19-008**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER – TWO-YEAR TERM POSITION**

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California is now accepting applications for a two-year term **Assistant Federal Defender** position for its Fresno Office. This full-time position will primarily be responsible for covering the criminal docket at the Yosemite Federal Courthouse, which contains a unique and varied assortment of misdemeanor offenses involving clients from all parts of the globe. The Office of the Federal Defender operates under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, representing indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related court matters.

Our Fresno Office Assistant Federal Defenders provide zealous, professional legal representation to indigent persons charged with misdemeanor and felony criminal offenses before the United States District Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and occasionally before the United States Supreme Court. Office attorneys carry an extensive, varied caseload through all litigation stages with room to explore novel legal and factual arguments in defending our clients. Our lawyers practice at the highest levels, enjoying excellent reputations for personal and professional integrity. Our Office also boasts a collegial culture, strongly encouraging teamwork and collaborative discussion. Close to Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks, our Office is responsible for most misdemeanor case representations originating out of these parks.

The Fresno Office currently seeks a defense attorney with criminal law or federal clerkship experience. Spanish fluency is a plus. Immediate responsibilities include managing a sizeable caseload with cases at varying litigation stages; appearing on behalf of clients in court hearings and other related proceedings; developing litigation strategies; preparing pleadings, briefs, and motions; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, and family members; and other duties as assigned. Applicants must have excellent legal writing and oral advocacy skills, computer-assisted legal research proficiency, the ability to work in a collaborative team environment, and effective organizational skills with the ability to set priorities.

Fresno, located in the heart of the Central Valley and California's fifth largest city, is a vibrant, diverse community offering affordable housing, farmers' markets, a lively arts scene, a minor league baseball team, and a growing "Ale Trail" of craft breweries. Fresno is conveniently located only hours away from Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks, Paso Robles's award-winning wineries, California's beautiful central coast, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

All applicants must either be admitted to the State Bar of California or be a member in good standing of another state's bar and be admitted to the California Bar within two years of starting. This position is a full-time, two-year term position with federal salary based on qualifications and experience. Federal government benefits apply, including health, life, and long-term care insurances, retirement benefits, thrift savings program, and flexible spending accounts. Direct pay deposit required.

Position announced on 8/26/19 and is open until filled, with preference given to applications received by 9/6/19. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Applicants will be notified before any communication with listed references.

**To apply, please submit as a single Adobe pdf file a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, three references, and a completed *Application for Judicial Branch Employment form (AO78)*, [http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO\\_78.pdf](http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO_78.pdf), to the following email: [cae\\_hr@fd.org](mailto:cae_hr@fd.org)**

The Office of the Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency.