Federal Public Defender Office
Middle District of Florida

Position Title/ Number: Assistant Federal Public Defender, #2020-001

Position Location: Tampa, Florida

Grade / Salary Range: This position is subject to the availability of Federal funds. Salary Dependent Upon Budget Approval and Experience

Qualifications: This is a position for a licensed attorney, and requires substantial experience in litigation of criminal cases in Federal court. A minimum of 5 years experience is required. Applicants should have significant criminal trial experience (preferably federal) and some significant appeals experience, so that they can immediately undertake the defense of criminal cases in the U.S. District Court and in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Must be an active member in good standing of the bar in any state, with preference given to Florida Bar members. Must possess excellent research, writing, and oral advocacy skills, experience in computer-assisted legal research, the ability to understand and manage complex factual and legal issues, and a reputation for integrity and commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel. Spanish speaking is strongly preferred.

Deadline to submit an application is FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020.

Information for Applicants:

Electronically submit cover letter notating Position Title and Number with resume, three professional references, and two writing samples (preferably 1 motion and 1 brief) in PDF format only to:

Federal Public Defender Office
Attn: Lorena Finato, Administrative Assistant
lorena_finato@fd.org

Emailed documents must be in PDF format and separately labeled. Documents emailed in Word or ZIP format will not be considered. Phone inquiries can be directed to Ms. Lugo at (813) 514-4215.

The Federal Public Defender’s office is a branch of the U.S. Courts, an Equal Opportunity Employer, and operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A, to provide indigent defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts. This is Excepted Service Employment with Federal Government Benefits. Salary is based on Experience. This position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Deposit) of federal salary payment. Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens or eligible to work in and for the United States. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense. This position is subject to a background investigation therefore, the successful applicant will undergo a mandatory criminal background check investigation, which will include the completion of fingerprint checks. Unsatisfactory results may result in termination of employment, if provisionally hired pending completion of background check. The Federal Public Defender Office provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please notify Ms. Lugo at (813) 514-4215. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Note that Assistant Federal Public Defenders may not engage in the private practice of law.

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