

ATTORNEY – FEDERAL CAPITAL HABEAS PROJECT

The Federal Capital Habeas Project (the “§ 2255 Project”), a program of the Federal Public Defender system, is accepting applications for a staff attorney. The § 2255 Project was established in 2006 to assist counsel, courts and especially clients with federal death penalty cases filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The Project’s aim is to ensure that all individuals sentenced to death in federal court who have completed their direct appeals receive post-conviction representation consistent with the highest standards of the legal profession. Our lawyers serve as resource counsel, assisting courts with appointment and providing assistance and training to capital § 2255 counsel nationwide. Project staff monitor case proceedings and legal developments around the country; maintain current data on issues relevant to federal death row; and provide direct representation in a small number of cases. The successful applicant will engage in direct representation as well as other aspects of Project work. The attorney position will be located in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt, near Washington, D.C. Several Project attorneys are full-time teleworkers and that arrangement will be considered for this position.

Candidates must be admitted to the practice of law in the highest court in the state where licensed. The ideal candidate will have at least five years of capital defense litigation experience in state post-conviction and/or federal habeas corpus proceedings, but other related experience will also be considered.

Salary will be determined by experience, in accordance with established federal pay scales. The position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

To be considered, please submit (1) a cover letter; (2) resume; (3) writing sample; and (4) the names of three references via email to Elizabeth_Luck@fd.org. No phone calls please. The position will remain open until filled. Initial review of applications will begin on March 5, 2021.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows the Employee Dispute Resolution Plan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. People of color and women are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will be subject to a mandatory background check, including an FBI name and fingerprint check.