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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #2022-03-CAFD

CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT **ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Posted: February 11, 2022
Closes: February 28, 2022 or when filled

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender **in its 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 Third Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. This is a full-time position located in Pittsburgh.

The successful applicant must be team-oriented and possess a strong writing ability, a demonstrated commitment to poverty law or indigent criminal defense, and litigation experience in at least one of the following areas: criminal law, especially in capital cases; habeas corpus litigation; and complex federal court civil litigation. Capital post-conviction experience preferred. A background in any area of mental health and/or social work is also helpful. This position requires occasional travel.

Applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar and must be eligible for immediate admission to the bars of the Western District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Assistant defenders may not engage in the private practice of law.

This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and years of experience within federal guidelines and regulations. The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check and IRS tax check procedure as a condition of employment. The position is subject to mandatory direct deposit for payment of net pay. Hiring is based on availability of funding.

Qualified persons should submit a letter of interest, a detailed resume and a writing sample in **one** Adobe Acrobat document by email to: paw_employment@fd.org, **using the subject line** "2022-03-CAFD."

This Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
One or more positions may be filled from this announcement.
Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.
No telephone calls please