

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
Southern District of Florida

**Michael Caruso**  
Federal Public Defender

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Chief Assistant

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**WEST PALM BEACH OFFICE**

Miami:

Helaine B. Batoff  
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Executive Administrator

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The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in our West Palm Beach office. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, an Equal Opportunity Employer, operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

**Requirements:** An Assistant Federal Public Defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and have admission and good standing in a state bar; (2) have at least three years of experience practicing law; (3) licensed to practice law in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; and (4) a member of the Florida Bar, or must become so within one year after entrance on duty.

**Duties:** Assistant Federal Public Defender duties include trial and court hearings, direct appeals to the circuit court, post-conviction and witness representation, and representation in other matters such as supervised release hearings and probation and parole hearings.

Ft. Lauderdale:

Robert N. Berube,  
Supervising Attorney

Janice Bergmann  
Brenda G. Bryn  
Timothy M. Day  
Chantel R. Doakes  
Robin J. Farnsworth  
Margaret Y. Foldes  
Bernardo Lopez  
Jan C. Smith  
Michael D. Spivack  
Gail M. Stage  
Daryl E. Wilcox

**Selection Criteria:** The successful applicant must have a demonstrated capacity or aptitude for excellence in trial and appellate practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and sufficient experience to immediately undertake the defense of serious criminal cases in the United States courts. This position also requires excellent courtroom skills, strong writing abilities, excellent research skills, proficiency in computer-assisted legal research; word processing capability and time management skills.

**The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment and could be subject to an additional government security clearance on some cases.**

West Palm Beach:

Peter Birch,  
Supervising Attorney

Robert E. Adler  
Lori E. Barrist  
Neison M. Marks  
Caroline McCrae  
Kristy Militello  
Robin C. Rosen-Evans

**Salary and Benefits:** This is a full-time position, and federal salary and benefits apply. Salary commensurate with Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of Florida. This position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) of net pay.

Fort Pierce:

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**How to Apply: No telephone calls please.** Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest outlining experience, background in criminal law, and interest in the field of criminal defense, resume and one writing sample *[send in PDF format as one attachment]* to:

Raisa Gonzalez  
Human Resources Specialist  
Federal Public Defender's Office  
150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1500  
Miami, Florida 33130  
Or via e-mail to:  
[Raisa\\_Gonzalez@fd.org](mailto:Raisa_Gonzalez@fd.org)

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Hiring for this position is subject to the availability of funds in the final appropriation. Applications will be accepted **until the position has been filled**. All responses will remain confidential.

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