

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2018-01
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Arkansas is accepting applications for an assistant federal public defender to be stationed in El Dorado. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

Requirements. An assistant federal public defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school; (2) admitted to practice and in good standing before the Arkansas Supreme Court; and (3) licensed to practice in the United States District Court by the time of entrance on duty. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation including an FBI name and fingerprint check and an IRS tax check. This position is also subject to a twelve (12) month probationary period.

Duties. The assistant federal public defender will represent clients charged with federal criminal offenses and clients involved in other matters covered under the Criminal Justice Act. The position requires ability to work flexible hours and requires regular travel for investigation, litigation and training. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Selection Criteria. The successful applicant will have a clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. Applicants must possess the ability to communicate effectively with clients, colleagues, staff, and agency personnel as part of their employment. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is preferred, but not required.

Salary and Benefits. The salary of an assistant federal public defender is commensurate with that of an assistant United States Attorney with similar qualifications and experience. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular Government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). All positions are at will and are subject to the availability of funds.

How to Apply. Qualified persons may apply by sending via email a letter of interest, resume, salary history, recent writing sample and three (3) references. Ligation experience should be described in detail. Send the requested information to [Kathy Swanson@fd.org](mailto:Kathy_Swanson@fd.org). Open until filled but preference will be given to applications received by November 16, 2017.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.