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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT # 2022-02 ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Western District of Tennessee is accepting applications for two full-time Assistant Federal Public Defenders, one to be stationed in Memphis, and one in the branch office in Jackson, TN. The office operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. 3006A, to provide services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases.

Requirements: Applicant must be a graduate of an accredited law school, admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state, and licensed to practice in the U. S. District Court by the time of entrance on duty. Applicant must have excellent research and writing skills and oral advocacy skills. Spanish language skills valued, but not required. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory fingerprint check and one-year 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. Federal public defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Selection Criteria: Applicant will have clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. The successful applicant must also possess the ability to communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, colleagues, staff, and court and agency personnel as part of their employment. Qualified candidates must have some trial experience and a minimum of three (3) years' experience in handling federal criminal cases.

Salary and Benefits: Salary is commensurate with that of an assistant U.S. 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; employment is at will. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit.

How to Apply: Qualified persons may apply by sending a letter of interest, resume, three references, and recent writing sample to the Office of the Federal Public Defender, Attn: Hiring Committee, 200 Jefferson Ave., Suite 200, Memphis, TN 38103. Position will remain open until filled.

Applications by fax or email will not be considered. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.