

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC.

THE COMMUNITY DEFENDER ORGANIZATION FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

APPELLATE ATTORNEY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., is looking for an attorney with two to six years of experience—or at least one year federal appellate clerkship—to join our distinguished Appellate Department in the fall of 2019. Federal Defenders is the Community Defender Organization serving the Southern District of California.

Our appellate attorneys litigate cases before the district court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Our practice area includes criminal appeals and habeas, including immigration detention cases, but also some representation of state prisoners in federal court.

Strong legal writing skills are required. Candidates should be able to handle multiple tasks with changing demands and deadlines, and must have an unfaltering desire to advocate aggressively on behalf of indigent criminal defendants. The case load is fast-paced and demanding. The ideal candidate would thrive under challenging conditions requiring a high degree of creativity and hard work. A commitment to public interest work, as well as law review and law clerk experience, will be looked upon favorably.

Prior experience in the areas of criminal defense, federal litigation, and/or immigration law is preferred but not required. Federal Defenders offers all new attorneys extensive training in federal criminal procedure and practice. Our appellate attorneys participate in, as well as actively orchestrate, our in-house and community training programs. While California bar membership is preferred, candidates can also be members, in good standing, of the bar of any state. If not members of the California bar, the candidate will have to take and pass the next available California bar after being hired.

Federal Defenders offers a competitive compensation package with excellent benefits. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

METHOD FOR APPLYING

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, detailed resume, writing sample, and list of references to:

Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.
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Or e-mail a cover letter, detailed resume, writing sample, and list of references to:

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No phone calls please. Open until filled.

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