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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Capital Habeas Unit Attorney

The Middle District of Alabama Federal Defender Program, Inc., in Montgomery, Alabama, is accepting applications for an attorney in its Capital Habeas Unit.

The Capital Habeas Unit provides zealous representation in federal habeas proceedings to indigent prisoners on Alabama's Death Row in Alabama's three United States District Courts, in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and in the United States Supreme Court. Responsibilities include managing a caseload which consists of cases at various stages of post-conviction review; writing briefs, motions, and other pleadings; reviewing voluminous trial and appellate records; developing claims and litigation strategy; advocating at evidentiary hearings and oral arguments; leading and working as a member of a case team; directing and conducting case-related investigation; and meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, and family members.

Applicants must have excellent written and oral advocacy skills, ability to work as a member of a defense team, good organizational skills, proficiency in computer-based research, and the ability to task-prioritize. Prior capital habeas experience is preferred. At least 2 years of attorney experience or a federal clerkship is required. Some overnight travel on investigative trips is required. Applicants must be a member in good standing of a State Bar and have a driver's license and appropriate motor vehicle insurance. Attorneys in this office may not engage in private law practice.

Salaries for all positions depend on experience and are comparable to salaries provided to comparable positions in the Office of the U.S. Attorneys. This office provides excellent benefits.

To apply for any position, mail or fax a letter describing your interest in the position, and enclose a resume, references and writing sample, to: Christine A. Freeman, Executive Director, Office of the Federal Defender for the Middle District of Alabama, 817 South Court Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Our fax number is 334-834-0353.

Applications will be taken until the position is filled. Hiring is dependent upon the appropriation of funding and approval of the funding source.

This program is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We provide equal opportunity for all qualified people who desire to use their skills and abilities in our workplace on behalf of our clients, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin, religion or disability. This program is committed to a diverse staff.