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Districts of Colorado and Wyoming

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER – COLORADO TRIAL DIVISION

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Colorado and Wyoming seeks a superior trial attorney to join our office in Denver. The Office of the Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. § 3006A) to represent individuals who are unable to afford counsel and prosecuted in our federal courts.

Job Description: This is a full-time position, dedicated to all stages of the magistrate and district court proceedings. Our attorneys are expected to be zealous advocates of the highest caliber, devoted to the defense of the poor and enforcement of the Bill of Rights. There is extensive motions practice and courtroom litigation.

Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Applicants must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school; 2) licensed by the highest court of a state, federal territory, or the District of Columbia; 3) a member in good standing in all courts where admitted to practice; and 4) a United States citizen, or a person authorized to work in the United States and receive compensation from this agency. Employment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation, including an FBI name and fingerprint check and an IRS background check.

The successful applicant will have at least five years of substantial criminal defense jury trial experience. Substantial criminal defense jury trial experience includes primary responsibility for felony cases, experience with scientific expert witness challenges and examinations, dispositive motions practice, and management of voluminous discovery. Applicants with direct file capital defense experience are strongly preferred. Direct file capital defense experience includes front-end case prep, charge to verdict case management and presentation, Colorado Method jury selection and post-verdict litigation. A strong and established work ethic, a demonstrated commitment to criminal defense, a team-oriented professional demeanor, and a reputation for personal integrity are core requirements. Superior research and writing skills are required. Extensive travel, largely within the District of Colorado, but also within the continental United States, is required.

Salary and Benefits: This is an "Excepted Appointment" full-time position with federal benefits and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit.

How to Apply: Apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and a writing sample that is your own work. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be considered. Interviews will be conducted in person. Cost of travel must be paid by the applicant. This position is subject to the availability of funds, and is open until filled.

Applications should be sent to: Kim W. Bechard, Administrative Officer
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The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.