

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 2021. 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 unflinching 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. Applicants for this position must be members, in good standing, of the bar of any state. California bar membership is preferred.

Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Selection of candidates will be based solely on merit without regard to race, color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and religious grooming), sex (including pregnancy, perceived pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity (including transgender identity and transitioning), gender expression and sex stereotyping, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, physical or mental disability, legally protected medical condition or information (including genetic information), family care or medical leave status, military caregiver status, military status, veteran status, marital status, domestic partner status, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, enrollment in a public assistance program, engaging in protected communications regarding employee wages, requesting a reasonable accommodation on the basis of disability or bona fide religious belief or practice, or any other basis protected by local, state, or federal laws.

Salary and Benefits: Federal Defenders offers a competitive compensation package with excellent benefits. Compensation is commensurate with experience. The position does include employee benefits including health and life insurance, as well as a 401k plan. Salary is payable only by electronic funds transfer (direct deposit). All positions are at-will and are subject to the availability of funds.

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.
Attn: Cassandra L. Lopez
225 Broadway, Ste. 900, San Diego, CA 92101

Or e-mail a cover letter, detailed resume, writing sample, and list of references to:
cassandra_lopez@fd.org

No phone calls please. Open until filled.

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