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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
FELLOWSHIP ATTORNEY – BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of New York is now accepting applications for a Fellowship attorney in the Buffalo, New York office. This position carries a one-year term, with the possibility of a second term. The primary practice areas are before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. This organization litigates cases in Buffalo and Rochester New York.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a fellowship attorney position and, as such, experience in criminal defense is not required. The fellow will learn to handle criminal cases from inception (be it pre-indictment, complaint, or indictment) to trial and sentencing. Initial case assignments will be relatively simple (*e.g.*, supervised-release violations and petty offenses), with case assignments becoming increasingly more complex as the fellowship progresses. Responsibilities will include preparation of pleadings and appellate briefs. The caseload is varied, but includes the following: 1) firearms offenses; 2) drug offenses; 3) immigration offenses; and 4) white-collar offenses. Regular day trips are often required for case investigations, court appearances, and visiting clients housed in various correctional facilities throughout Western New York.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS: No criminal defense experience is necessary. Applicants with more than four years of criminal defense experience will **not** be considered. All applicants must either be admitted to the State Bar of New York or be a member in good standing of another state bar. Applicants must have strong writing and advocacy skills and the ability to work in a team environment. This position requires occasional travel to distant jails. A valid driver license and personal vehicle are required. Computer proficiency is required.

A fellowship attorney may not engage in the private practice of law. Employees are considered at-will and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. A final offer of employment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation including name, fingerprint and IRS tax check.

To apply, forward a letter of interest, resume, the AO 78 Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment (available at <http://nyw.fd.org/employment/default.html>), three references, and writing sample in PDF to:

Chelsea Miller, Case Management Assistant
zzNYWml_HR1@fd.org
Subject Reference: Fellowship-Buffalo

This position announcement is open until October 24, 2018. All responses will remain confidential. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. The Federal Public Defender Is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women & Minorities Are Encouraged to Apply.