

Federal Defender Program, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

Seeking Research & Writing Attorney



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THE OPPORTUNITY

We seek a Research and Writing Attorney to join our Trial Unit.

Research and Writing Attorneys draft motions, memoranda, petitions, and briefs to be filed in the U.S. District Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Research and Writing Attorneys also consult with Assistant Federal Defenders on legal issues arising in motions practice, evidentiary hearings, trials, and appeals. A Research and Writing Attorney may have to perform general paralegal duties, and other duties as assigned.

OUR MISSION

Founded in 1973, the Federal Defender Program is a private, non-profit law firm committed to providing creative, cutting-edge, compassionate, and client-centered representation delivered by a diverse and multi-disciplinary team of dedicated professionals.

ABOUT US

The Federal Defender Program, Inc. (the "FDP") is a private non-profit law firm that provides legal representation to persons charged with federal crimes in the Northern District of Georgia who cannot afford to hire a private attorney. We represent accused persons from arrest through trial and appeal, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

The FDP is a Community Defender Organization and operates under the authority of 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(A). We are fully funded by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. *We are not a government agency, and as such, are not government employees.*

We are attorneys, investigators, mitigation specialists, social workers, paralegals, office administrators, and

information technology specialists. Our team fosters interdisciplinary skill sets that ensure compassionate and comprehensive representation. We work together to uphold every person's right to be presumed innocent, to have a fair trial, to mitigation, and to have a fair sentence, if convicted. Our defense is vigorous, both at trial and on appeal. We advocate for humane sentences through client-centered representation, which honors an individual's lived experience.

Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice

We are committed to cultivating a culture of acceptance and connectedness that honors the diverse backgrounds of the people we represent. Our commitment to inclusion is integral to our commitment to a fair justice system. In recruiting members of our team, we welcome the full spectrum of humanity. We embrace the unique contributions our employees can bring to our office because of their backgrounds, social identities, and lived experiences. We know that the best legal representation occurs through a diverse, collaborative, and inclusive workforce. We value hard work, diversity, teamwork, creativity, flexibility, and fairness.



The Northern District of Georgia encompasses the Atlanta, Gainesville, Newnan, and Rome Divisions of the United States District Court.

Experience/Education

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited law school and admitted to practice, in good standing, before the highest court of a state. Appellate writing experience or experience in handling federal criminal cases is preferred.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify, the applicant should have the following:

- A desire and capacity to work collaboratively in a team environment.
- A vigorous and thorough legal researcher who will wring every ounce of possibility from an issue.
- The ability to think "outside of the box" and be a creative problem solver.
- The ability to write clearly, concisely, and persuasively.
- Understanding of criminal law, criminal procedure, and evidence
- Knowledge of sentencing guidelines and evidence handling.
- Strong planning and organizational skills.
- The ability to keep confidences and protect legal privileges.
- The ability to recognize and analyze problems and recommend practical solutions.
- The desire to work with and on behalf of people from diverse backgrounds.
- A strong commitment to providing holistic representational support to indigent persons in proceedings under federal criminal law.

The position requires that the applicant possess a valid driver's license, insurance, and own/operate a personal vehicle for business purposes (mileage is reimbursable). Occasional travel is required, including night and weekend work.

Salary and Benefit Details

The starting salary will be based on experience and qualifications of the applicant, as well as the guidelines issued by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The position offers paid vacation, paid sick time, paid holidays, health insurance, life insurance, and participation in our 401k.

How to Apply

Interested applicants must apply online by providing the information requested on the online form. Required uploads include a cover letter discussing your interest in the position, CV, a relevant writing sample such as a motion or brief, and contact information for two references. Please answer all questions to be considered. You will only hear from us if you are granted an interview.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- The position is contingent on the availability of federal funding.
- Only those granted an interview will be contacted.
- Current and future positions may be filled from this vacancy announcement.
- Failure to follow these procedures will cause your application to be automatically declined.
- We hire without regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, height, weight, veteran status, military obligations, or marital or parental status.
- We do not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment in any personnel decisions or employee interactions.
- We are interested in applicants' talent, intelligence, dedication, and desire to see that all people are treated fairly and respectfully, no matter the allegation or circumstance.
- The FDP is an equal opportunity employer.
- Applicants who apply without submitting all documents will not be considered.
- Rolling interviews will be conducted.
- This position is open until filled.
- Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.
- All responses will remain confidential.

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