FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota

Criminal Defense Investigator

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota (FPD) is accepting applications for a Criminal Defense Investigator in Pierre, South Dakota.

**Job Duties:** Investigators are a critical part of the FPD defense team. They must demonstrate considerable resourcefulness, initiative, creativity, self-motivation, tact and discretion. Investigators work closely with attorneys to review and analyze discovery, meet with clients and family members, sift through complex materials and process concrete and abstract content, develop investigation plans, obtain a variety of records, identify and interview witnesses, serve subpoenas, write and draft reports and effectively use electronic tools both in the course of investigations, during trials, sentencings, and other hearings. Additionally, investigators develop evidence for sentencing by identifying mental health, environmental, and social mitigating factors. Further, Investigators may need to testify in court. Travel to Native American Reservations in South Dakota is frequent. Some overnight travel is required.

**Requirements:** A four year degree from an accredited university is preferred, but may be substituted by investigative or comparable experience. The ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with individuals in governmental and private agencies, members of the Bar and the Judicial Branch is essential. The applicant must pass a background investigation and possess a valid driver’s license.

**Selection Criteria:** Successful candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills; must be able to develop a rapport with people of differing backgrounds and cultures; can work independently and take initiative; and can work well with teams.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with experience. The position does include regular Government employee benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

**How to Apply.** Qualified persons may apply by sending via e-mail a letter of interest and résumé to Jason Tupman, Acting Federal Public Defender, at Jason_Tupman@fd.org. Letter of interest and references must be included. Position announced October 28, 2019; open until filled. The Federal Public Defender is an equal-opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.