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Districts of Colorado and Wyoming

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER – WYOMING TRIAL DIVISION—CASPER

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Colorado and Wyoming seeks a superior trial attorney to join our office. The Office of the Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act (18 U.S.C. § 3006A) to represent individuals unable to afford counsel and prosecuted in our federal courts. Our office is committed to serving the distinct needs of our clients with a diverse group of dedicated individuals. We are a team. We collaborate with each other regardless of race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, disability, age, veteran status and other status protected by law.

Job Description: This is a full-time position, stationed in our Casper, Wyoming office. The Assistant Federal Public Defender (AFPD) provides zealous, professional legal representation at every stage of the case. Our cases are complex and diverse. They require comprehensive legal research, extensive motions practice, and frequent courtroom litigation, including jury trials. The District of Wyoming encompasses the entire State of Wyoming, including the Wind River Indian Reservation. Investigation requires extensive travel. The AFPD assigned to Casper will be supported by colleagues in the Cheyenne and Denver FPD offices.

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

The successful applicant will have at least five years of substantial experience in criminal defense. Substantial experience includes primary responsibility for jury trials in felony cases, previous work with scientific expert witnesses (including challenges and examinations), dispositive motions practice, sentencing mitigation, and management of voluminous discovery. A strong and established work ethic, a demonstrated commitment to criminal defense, a team-oriented, professional demeanor, and a reputation for personal integrity are essential. Superior research and writing and oral advocacy skills are required. Proficiency in Spanish is useful but not required.

Salary and Benefits: This is an “Excepted Appointment” full-time position with opportunity for growth. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings 401(k) Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit.

How to Apply: Apply *via email* to the attention of **Veronica Knights, Personnel Administrator**, at employment@cofpd.org. Applications must include a letter of interest, resume, and a writing sample that is solely your work. References are preferred. Cost of travel is incurred by the applicant. All positions are subject to the availability of funds. No phone calls, please.

This position is open until filled.

The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.

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