

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 24-04
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SC
FULL-TIME POSITION

The Federal Public Defender, District of South Carolina, is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, based in the Columbia office. The Federal Public Defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide legal defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts. Assistant Federal Public Defenders practice criminal defense at the highest levels with support from paralegals, experts, investigators, technology, research databases, and consultants as the case may require. Training options are excellent and plentiful.

Requirements. Applicants must be a law school graduate, a member in good standing of any state bar (*i.e.*, licensed to practice law before the highest court of any state in the United States or the District of Columbia), and eligible for admission to the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The applicant must have the capacity, within several months of hiring, to develop sufficient skills to defend serious criminal cases in federal court, from arraignment through post-conviction motions and, occasionally, on appeal. The position may require travel throughout the district, some overnight travel, out-of-district travel for training and investigation, and irregular work hours, when necessary. Applicants must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation, including an IRS tax check and an FBI name and fingerprint check.

Duties. The Assistant Federal Public Defender represents clients charged with serious criminal offenses and other matters covered under the Criminal Justice Act. The work is fast-paced and demanding with frequent court appearances. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Selection Criteria. The successful applicant must have a capacity for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of the underserved, the marginalized, and the indigent, and a reputation for personal and professional integrity. Applicants must also communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, colleagues, staff, and court personnel as part of employment. All qualified attorneys are encouraged to apply without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disabling condition.

Salary and Starting Date. This is a position with growth potential and is subject to the availability of funds. Salary is by direct deposit. Federal health and retirement benefits are excellent. The expected starting date is not later than August 1, 2024.

About Columbia, South Carolina. Columbia is the capital of South Carolina. It is home to the state's flagship university, the University of South Carolina, the state's major government agencies, and a major military training base. Columbia has excellent cultural venues as well as many different dining and entertainment options. While it is hot in July and August, the climate

allows for year-round outdoor activity. For those who like to venture into the surrounding areas, Columbia is 3.0 hours from Atlanta; 2.50 hours from Asheville, The Grand Strand (beaches), Hilton Head and Savannah; 2.0 hours from Charleston; and 1.5 hours from Charlotte, NC.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a resume, including three references, and a writing sample in one organized PDF to jonathan_freeman@fd.org. Applicants may submit a law school transcript.

Open until filled.

No telephone, fax, or e-mail inquiries.

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