POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, to be located in its Scranton, PA office. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

Requirements: This is a position for our Trial Unit, so the applicant should possess excellent courtroom skills and strong research and writing ability. Three years of criminal trial practice experience or judicial clerkship experience is highly preferred.

Our office values diversity, is committed to equity and inclusion, and aspires to create a culture of mutual respect, collaboration, openness, and humility that honors the people we represent. We believe representation is better when members of the defense team have diverse backgrounds and experiences. We seek a lawyer who shares this belief and commitment. We embrace the unique contributions our employees can bring to the FPD because of their backgrounds, social identities, and lived experiences. We are interested in applicants’ talent, intelligence, dedication, and persistence, and desire to see that all people are treated fairly and respectfully. Fluent Spanish is a plus.

An applicant must be a member in good standing of a State Bar in which he or she is currently admitted and be eligible for immediate admission to the Bar of the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position. Federal salary and benefits apply. Salary is commensurate with experience and education and is equivalent to salaries for Assistant United States Attorneys with similar experience. This position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) of net pay. The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

How to Apply: Qualified persons may apply by sending a letter of interest and resume, with references and a writing sample, to:

Federal Public Defender’s Office
Attention: Harrisburg AFPD
100 Chestnut Street, Third Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Or via email to: amanda_lebby@fd.org

Position open until filled. Priority given to applications received by August 5, 2024.

The Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is an Equal Opportunity Employer.