

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICT OF NEVADA

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Appellate Unit

The Federal Public Defender – Nevada is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Federal Public Defender to join the Appellate Unit in our Las Vegas, Nevada office. This position requires travel.

Our Appellate Unit litigates direct criminal appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court, provides extensive legal-issue support for criminal cases in the United States District Court, and pursues post-conviction habeas relief in appropriate cases. The duties of this position may therefore include: (1) researching, briefing, and arguing cases in the District Court, the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court; (2) assisting the office's trial attorneys in identifying legal issues in complex cases by researching and drafting motions, objections, and memoranda, as well as arguing those legal issues in the District Court; (3) litigating post-conviction motions; and (4) monitoring relevant legal developments and training other lawyers on the impact of those developments. The balance of responsibilities among these duties will vary depending on the office's needs.

All applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar.

All applicants must have the experience necessary to undertake the defense of serious federal criminal cases before the United States District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Successful applicants should therefore be experienced in litigating direct appeals of federal criminal offenses and constitutional claims and well-versed with the federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Successful applicants must have solid legal research and writing and oral advocacy skills and be committed to a team-based, client-focused approach to litigation.

Salary is commensurate with experience and education, and is equivalent to salaries for Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar experience. The position is open until filled.

To apply, send via e-mail, a cover letter, resume, three references, and a writing sample to:

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The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants must be 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.