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Districts of Colorado and Wyoming

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER – WYOMING TRIAL

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 who are unable to afford counsel and prosecuted in our federal courts.

Job Description: This is full-time position, stationed in our branch office in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Assistant Federal Public Defender provides zealous, professional legal representation, in writing and at court hearings, in all stages of federal criminal proceedings pending in the District of Wyoming. Duties include the investigation and defense of complex and diverse federal cases, comprehensive legal research, extensive motions practice, and frequent courtroom litigation. While our AFPDs are solely responsible for most cases, our office culture is one of collaborative teamwork.

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, preferably in federal court. Substantial experience includes primary responsibility for jury trials in felony cases, previous work with scientific expert witnesses (including challenges and examinations), dispositive motions practice, 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. Extensive driving, largely within the District of Wyoming and between our Casper and Cheyenne courts, is required. Proficiency in Spanish is preferred, but not required.

Salary and Benefits: This is an “Excepted Appointment” full-time position with federal benefits and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit.

How to Apply: Apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and a writing sample that is your own work. E-mailed and faxed applications will not be considered. **No phone calls, please.**

Applications should be sent to: Kim W. Bechard, Administrative Officer
Office of the Federal Public Defender
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At least one interview will be conducted in person. Cost of travel is incurred by the applicant. All positions are subject to the availability of funds. **Posted January 8, 2018 -- open until filled.**

The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer.