



**Office of the Federal Public Defender
Eastern District of Oklahoma**

Vacancy Announcement #202412
Position Title: Senior Litigator

Posting Date: 04/8/2026
Type: Full-Time
Duty Station: Muskogee, OK

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

The Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Oklahoma is accepting applications for a full-time Senior Litigator. The Federal Defender Organization operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in federal courts. The Senior Litigator is designated as such in recognition of his/her outstanding skills as a litigator and is responsible for assisting AFPD's less knowledgeable with advocacy skills. This position carries no administrative responsibilities, and it is a non-supervisory position. The Senior Litigator reports directly to the Federal Public/Community Defender or other supervising attorney as designated by the Defender.

DESCRIPTION & DUTIES

The Senior Litigator performs tasks such as the following:

- Litigates the most serious cases including death penalty offenses, mandatory life offenses, or the most complex multi-document litigation.
- Maintains in-depth and updated knowledge of criminal defense trial and appellate practices and case law. Develops expertise with the federal sentencing guidelines, understands the ethical obligations and restrictions and practices courtroom advocacy.
- Provides training to attorneys and legal staff members, as well as the private bar, in areas such as current case law developments, advocacy in the courtroom, developing advanced skills in written, oral and interpersonal communications.
- Communicates with the court, opposing counsel, clients and client families concerning case-related issues.
- Demonstrates skill in dealing with challenging clients.
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

The Senior Litigator must be an attorney with a minimum of eight years litigation experience in either state or federal court, and be recognized as an outstanding litigator in the federal court system with a commitment to the active litigation of significant cases. Admission and good standing before the federal bar, in combination with admission and good standing to a state bar are required.

BENEFITS INFORMATION

The candidate selected for this position will be eligible for a generous federal employee benefits package which includes:

- Paid annual and sick leave; paid parental leave, and 11 paid federal holidays per year.
- Optional participation in Federal Employees Health Benefits plans (health, dental and vision); Federal Employees Group Life Insurance; Flexible Benefits Program.
- Participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). Optional participation in Thrift Savings Plan (up to 5% employer matched contributions).
- Detailed information on benefits can be found at <https://www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits>

SALARY AND BENEFITS

This is a full-time position. Federal salary and benefits apply. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. 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

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume highlighting relevant skills and experience, a writing sample, and a list of references (3 professional and 3 personal) to:

Scott A. Graham, Federal Public Defender at OKE_resumes@fd.org

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED.

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