



**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2026-06
(APPELLATE ATTORNEY)**

The Federal Public Defender is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender to primarily represent indigent federal defendants in criminal appeals. The successful candidate should be prepared to write substantive briefs, present oral arguments in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, assist trial counsel in their motions practice, including arguing complex issues before the district court, and litigate post-conviction motions when necessary. Appellate training for in-house attorneys and the CJA panel is also required. The appellate attorney may also be required to handle some direct criminal cases, if necessary.

This is a full-time position located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Trial Unit represents indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court and provides appellate representation in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. This office requires a commitment to zealous representation of the indigent accused and a commitment to protecting their constitutional interests.

Ideal candidates will have excellent oral and written communication, excellent research skills, a demonstrated ability to work with a team, the ability to multitask and meet concrete deadlines, the ability to handle a high-volume workload, and the ability to aggressively, but civilly, represent the client. Further, the ideal candidate will be client-centered, open-minded, creative, a quick learner, honest, hard-working, energetic, and respectful of others. A working knowledge of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines is preferred.

The selected applicant should expect to argue and defend the full range of federal criminal offenses, including guns, drugs, child pornography, white collar, and immigration matters. Travel is required for case work and training.

Applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar, and eligible for admission to the Eastern District of Arkansas. Salary is commensurate with experience and education and is comparable to that of Assistant United States Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. The salary range is \$76,748 to 197,100. Employees are members of the judicial branch and considered "at will" employees.

Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. A final offer of employment is subject to a successful background check.

To be considered, please send the following in PDF format to Caletta_Jones@fd.org: (1) A letter of interest, (2) a resume, (3) a writing sample, and (4) three references.

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