

FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEFENDER
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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE POSITION
Assistant Federal Defender

The Federal Community Defender (FCD) of the Eastern District of Michigan invites applications for an Assistant Federal Defender position at our main office in Detroit.

The FCD, established in 1972, provides excellent court-appointed representation to indigent defendants charged with federal crimes in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. The Detroit office serves in the District Courts located in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Port Huron, Michigan. The Flint office serves in the Flint and Bay City District Court locations. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, which is federally funded 100% by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. FCD staff are not government employees.

QUALIFICATIONS. The office fosters and promotes the high standards and ideals engendered by the Bill of Rights and ensures that the rights guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution are afforded to all on a fair and equal basis. A successful applicant must be a law school graduate, a member in good standing of any state bar, and eligible for admission to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. The applicant must have sufficient skills and experience to immediately defend serious criminal cases in federal court, from arraignment through appeal. Our work is fast-paced and demanding. Experience working cases with multidisciplinary defense teams is a plus. At least three years criminal trial experience is required (preferably federal), as well as superb legal research and writing skills, an in-depth knowledge of criminal law and procedure, and working command of Microsoft Office Suite programs and Adobe Acrobat. A successful applicant will demonstrate an unfaltering desire to advocate aggressively on behalf of the underserved, marginalized, and poor.

SALARY: Negotiable, DOE, and is comparable to salaries paid by U.S. Attorney's Office.

BENEFITS: Excellent benefit package, including health, life, vision and dental insurances, as well as a 403B Pension Plan.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants should submit a resume, including three references, law school transcripts, one or two recent writing samples, and a cover letter with an explanation of interest in the desired position. All applications should be submitted electronically, **as one organized PDF**, to mie_fdoresumes@fd.org, or by mail to Federal Community Defender, Attn: Attorney Position, 613 Abbott Street, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48226.

Position open until filled. No phone calls and no follow-up emails. Position vacancies contingent upon final approval and funding by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The FCDEDM is an Equal Opportunity Employer.