

# FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICT OF NEVADA

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT Assistant Federal Public Defender, Appellate Unit

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The Federal Public Defender for the District of 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.

The Appellate Unit litigates direct federal criminal appeals, provides extensive legal support for criminal cases in federal district courts, and pursues habeas relief in appropriate cases. Primary litigation duties occur in the District of Nevada, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court, but can include litigation in courts across the country. Duties of this position may include: (1) researching, briefing, and arguing cases in federal district and appellate courts; (2) assisting the office's trial attorneys to identify legal issues in complex cases by researching and drafting motions, objections, and memoranda; (3) litigating habeas 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: (1) be members in good standing of a state bar; (2) have the experience necessary to undertake the defense of serious federal criminal cases before federal district and appellate courts; (3) have solid legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills; (4) possess outstanding strategic judgment and strong interpersonal and communication skills; and (5) be committed to a team-based, client-focused approach to litigation.

Successful applicants should be experienced in litigating direct appeals of federal criminal offenses and constitutional claims and well-versed with the federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Salary is commensurate with experience and education and is equivalent to salaries for Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar experience. Applicants seeking to work remotely will be considered, but preference will be given to those who live in (or will relocate to) Las Vegas, Nevada.

Qualified individuals should submit a single PDF containing a letter of interest, resume, writing sample and three professional references. This position will remain open until filled, but preference will be given to those who apply by June 30, 2026. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please do not call or email regarding the status of your application.

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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.*