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DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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Vacancy Announcement: Assistant Federal Public Defender

Location: Baltimore, MD

Announced: July 28, 2026

Application Deadline: open until filled

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland seeks a trial lawyer with two or more years of criminal defense experience for our Baltimore office. The position requires outstanding legal research and writing skills as well as oral advocacy skills. Trial experience is preferred. This position will require representing clients from the pretrial phase through the sentence phase. Additionally, the position will require representing clients on allegations involving violations of supervised release.

About Us. The Federal Public Defender's Office provides zealous client-centered advocacy in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. We represent clients at every stage of the criminal legal process. Our office is recognized as a leading public defense law firm that looks for creative and compassionate ways to serve our clients and has a progressive impact on the criminal legal system, both locally and nationally. We are a governmental agency funded by Congress through the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender seeks to hire employees from diverse backgrounds and perspectives that are reflective of our clients and the communities we serve, including people with disabilities, people of color, women, LGBTQ candidates, and members of traditionally underrepresented groups. The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows the Employee Dispute Resolution Plan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

REQUIREMENTS. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or meet the requirements of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Partial telework is available for this position but full-time telework is not. The successful candidate will be subject to a mandatory background check.

HOW TO APPLY. Please submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample and 3 references (including names, addresses, and phone numbers) to: Jim Wyda, Federal Public Defender. Please submit application materials as a combined PDF via email to **MDX_HR@fd.org** and write "AFPD-Baltimore" in the subject line.