FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Federal Public Defender-Non-Capital Habeas Unit

The Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada is accepting applications for the full-time position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Non-Capital Habeas Unit. The NCH unit, which is located in Las Vegas, represents state prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. NCH is the oldest and largest non-capital habeas unit in the Federal Public Defender system.

Requirements: Applicants must possess a demonstrated commitment to indigent criminal defense, strong writing, oral advocacy ability and litigation experience in at least one of the following areas: criminal law, especially in post-conviction or appellate litigation; or complex federal court civil litigation. The position requires occasional travel. Applicants must be team oriented, have at least three years of relevant experience, and be immediately able to undertake representation of habeas petitioners currently litigating in every stage of postconviction proceedings.

Selection Criteria: Remote opportunities are available, but willingness to reside in Nevada is preferred. Applicants must be a member in good standing of a state bar. Applicants who are not members of the Nevada State Bar have the opportunity to obtain provisional licensure to practice in Nevada state courts, which does not require taking the Nevada bar exam, so long as they meet the requirements of the rule. Federal salary and benefits are based upon qualifications and experience, consistent with federal guidelines and regulations.

How to Apply: Qualified individuals should submit a single PDF that contains a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, and three professional references. More than one position may be filled from this announcement. This position will remain open until filled with preference given to those who apply by **December 18, 2026**. Only applicants 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.