FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER,
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Federal Public Defender – Las Vegas Trial Unit

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada is accepting applications for a full-time Assistant Federal Public Defender in its Las Vegas Trial Unit. This position is based in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Position Overview: The Trial Unit represents indigent individuals charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to indigent defense, exceptional oral advocacy skills, and well-developed legal research and writing abilities. Preference will be given to candidates with criminal trial experience, preferably five years or more.

Qualifications: Successful candidates must possess excellent oral advocacy, client-management, and time-management skills, as well as the ability to work effectively in a fast-paced environment involving frequently evolving circumstances. Familiarity with the Federal Sentencing Guidelines is preferred.

The selected applicants will be expected to represent clients charged with a broad range of federal criminal offenses, including firearms, drug, child pornography, white collar, and immigration crimes. The applicant will also represent indigent individuals charged with misdemeanor offenses on federal lands. The position requires travel in connection with litigation and investigative matters.

Selection Criteria: Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of indigent individuals and providing high-quality criminal defense representation.

Additional information: Applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar. Salary will be commensurate with the candidate's experience and education and will be comparable to that of Assistant United States Attorneys with similar levels of experience.

How to Apply: Submit a single PDF containing a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, and three references. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with preference given to those received by **December 18, 2026**. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Please do not inquire about 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.