

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Middle District of Tennessee

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Research & Writing Attorney

THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER is accepting applications for the position of research and writing attorney. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

A research and writing attorney must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state; (2) be or become licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee by the time of entrance on duty; and to practice law in the State of Tennessee. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation.

The research and writing attorney drafts motions, memoranda, petitions, and briefs to be filed in the U.S. district court, the U.S. court of appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Consults with the assistant defenders on legal issues arising in motion practice, evidentiary hearings, trials, and appeals, and on general advice to clients.

The successful applicant will have an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is preferred.

The starting salary of a research and writing attorney is from grade JSP-9 to grade JSP-15. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular Government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, résumé, list of references and a representative writing sample. Send completed application by mail, fax or email to:

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Application Evaluation will begin March 29, 2010

NO TELEPHONE OR E-MAILS INQUIRIES

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