

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 24-03
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON, SC
FULL-TIME POSITION

The Federal Public Defender, District of South Carolina, is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, based in the Charleston Office. The Federal Public 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 in the federal courts.

Requirements. Applicants must be a law school graduate, a member in good standing of any state bar (*i.e.*, licensed to practice law before the highest court of any state in the United States or the District of Columbia), and eligible for admission to the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The applicant must have the capacity, within several months of hiring, to develop sufficient skills to defend serious criminal cases in federal court, from arraignment through post-conviction motions and, occasionally, on appeal. The position may require travel throughout the district, some overnight travel, out-of-district training, irregular work hours, or working weekends and holidays when necessary. Applicants must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license, and proof of insurance. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation, including an IRS tax check and an FBI name and fingerprint check.

Duties. The Assistant Federal Public Defender represents clients charged with serious criminal offenses and clients involved in other matters covered under the Criminal Justice Act. The work is fast-paced and demanding. The position requires travel for investigation, litigation, and training. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Selection Criteria. The successful applicant must have a capacity for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of the underserved, the marginalized, and the indigent, and a reputation for personal and professional integrity. Applicants must also communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, colleagues, staff, and court personnel as part of employment. All qualified attorneys are encouraged to apply without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disabling condition.

Salary and Starting Date. This is a position with growth potential and is subject to the availability of funds. Salary is by direct deposit. The expected starting date is not later than June 1, 2024.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a resume, including three references, and a writing sample in one organized PDF to jonathan_freeman@fd.org. Applicants may submit a law school transcript.

Open until filled.

No telephone, fax, or e-mail inquiries.

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