

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE OFFICE**

We are accepting applications for the full-time position of assistant federal public defender in our Tallahassee office. The federal defender organization operates under the 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.

REQUIREMENTS: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state, (2) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals prior to beginning work, and (3) at least three years of trial experience. Membership in The Florida Bar is not required, but is an advantage and will be encouraged upon employment. Appointment is subject to a fingerprint and background check. Applicants should be aware that the appointment is subject to final confirmation that the necessary funding is available.

DUTIES: The work will be varied: trial work, post-conviction work involving such things as the First Step Act and conceivably some appeals. The job will involve work in other divisions within the District, especially Panama City and Gainesville.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The ability to conduct effective legal research, to write clearly and convincingly, to establish rapport with even difficult clients, and the persistence to thoroughly investigate issues pertaining to guilt or innocence or sentencing is essential. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is an advantage, as is appellate experience. The successful applicant will have a reputation for personal integrity and the maturity and skill to cordially and professionally interact with others in the court system. The ideal applicant will have between five and ten years of legal experience. In the end, though, talent and commitment to criminal defense are the traits that are most important, so those with more or less experience will also be considered.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: The starting salary is dependent upon experience. 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.

HOW TO APPLY: Qualified persons may apply by sending a resume and a representative writing sample. References are optional at this point, though finalists for the position will ultimately need to provide three references. You should describe your legal experience in some detail. Send the application via email in .pdf format to fln_resumes@fd.org.

DEADLINE: The position is open as of June 15, 2020. Applications should be sent promptly as the review process will begin as soon as the applications are received. The position will remain open until filled.

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