

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Assistant Federal Defender**

**POSITION #:** 2017-2-LEGAL  
**ANNOUNCED:** February 8, 2017  
**CLOSES:** Priority given to Applications received by March 1, 2017

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Defender in our Seattle office. The attorney will also be expected to represent clients in federal court in Tacoma. The position provides the opportunity to work in a fast-paced, challenging, diverse, and rewarding work environment. The Federal Public Defender operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

Assistant Federal Defenders provide legal representation for indigent persons charged with criminal offenses or involved in post-conviction proceedings in United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Responsibilities include managing cases at varying stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs and motions; appearing on behalf of the client in court hearings and at other related proceedings; providing representation of individuals in federal habeas corpus proceedings under 28 U.S.C. §2254 and §2255; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members and other duties as assigned.

The successful candidate must be a graduate from an accredited law school and a member in good standing with a state bar association. Five years trial experience, excellent writing skills and significant appellate experience are preferred for this position. Spanish fluency is a plus. Essential for this position are the abilities to manage a substantial caseload, travel, work flexible hours, possess a reputation for integrity, work in a team environment, and possess effective organizational and prioritization skills. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. The starting salary range is \$91,600 to \$152,500 with potential for promotion. The salary will be based on education and years of relevant experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. This position is dependent on federal funding and subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful outcome of a background fingerprint check.

Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and two work references (including names, addresses and telephone numbers). This position will be open until filled. Applications may only be submitted by email to:

Michael Filipovic  
Federal Public Defender  
Attn: Human Resources  
**[wawpersonnel@fd.org](mailto:wawpersonnel@fd.org)**

**NO TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL INQUIRIES PLEASE**

**The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in the work place.**