

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Full-Time Temporary Research & Writing Specialist

POSITION #: 2016-2-LEGAL
ANNOUNCED: October 29, 2015
CLOSES: Priority given to Applications received by November 20, 2015

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington is accepting applications for a full-time temporary (a year and a day) Research and Writing Specialist to be stationed in the Seattle office. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court.

Requirements. The applicant must be a licensed attorney in good standing with a federal and state bar and have significant experience in federal sentencing law, including the federal sentencing guidelines. The applicant must possess excellent research, writing, and communication skills. The applicant must be available to start by January 4, 2016.

Duties. The primary duties of this position include: (1) reviewing approximately 200 to 300 cases to determine eligibility for relief under *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015); (2) drafting documents to be filed in U.S. District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; (3) providing legal research and writing in habeas corpus litigation; and (4) providing legal research and writing for other matters.

Selection Criteria. 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 integrity. Applicants must also possess the ability to communicate effectively with clients, colleagues, and court and agency personnel. The position requires strong legal research and word processing skills, the ability to analyze legal issues from complex records, and the ability to write clearly and concisely. Federal appellate and habeas experience is strongly preferred.

Salary and Benefits. The starting salary of a Research and Writing Specialist is based upon prior legal experience ranging from two to seven years. The salary range is \$51,646 to \$123,796 depending on education and years of relevant experience consistent with federal guidelines. This position includes government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. The position depends on federal funding and is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). Employment will be provisional pending the successful outcome of fingerprinting and a background check.

How to Apply. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and two work references (including names, addresses and telephone numbers). The position will be open until filled. Any application must be submitted as a PDF by email to:

Michael Filipovic, Federal Public Defender
Attn: Human Resources
wawpersonnel@fd.org

NO TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL INQUIRIES PLEASE

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