

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Assistant Federal Defender – Tacoma, Washington**

**POSITION #:** 2019-6-LEGAL  
**ANNOUNCED:** June 26, 2019  
**CLOSES:** Priority given to Applications received by July 19, 2019

The Federal Public Defender Office for the Western District of Washington is seeking applicants for a full-time Assistant Federal Defender in their Tacoma office. The office operates under 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. Our office is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or age.

**Salary:** This position has a starting salary range of \$67,816 - \$159,120. Salary will be based on professional attorney experience with a minimum of three years. Compensation includes generous federal government benefits, paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. Salary is paid bi-weekly and payable only by direct deposit.

**Responsibilities:** The AFD will immediately assume an active caseload and, represent clients in serious criminal cases in the U.S. District and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This representation includes managing cases at various stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs and motions; appearing on behalf of the client in court hearings and at other related proceedings; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members and other duties as assigned.

**Requirements:** Applicants must be licensed attorneys in good standing with a federal and state bar, have criminal defense trial and sentencing experience, and significant writing experience. Attorneys not licensed in the state of Washington must seek admission to the Washington state bar within one year. Applicants should be available to start no later than September 30, 2019 and be able to travel.

**Qualifications:** To qualify, an applicant must be a US citizen or a documented alien who meets the criteria for employment in the Judiciary. See <https://www.uscourts.gov/careers/search-judiciary-jobs/citizenship-requirements-employment-judiciary>.

**Selection Criteria:** The candidate selected will have a demonstrated commitment toward quality representation and will have recent, substantial criminal defense experience. A proven reputation for integrity, teamwork and effective organizational and prioritization skills are important considerations. Spanish fluency is a plus. Essential for this position are the abilities to manage a substantial caseload, travel, and work flexible hours.

**Applications:** Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, and two work references (including their names, addresses and telephone numbers) no later than July 19, 2019. Submit applications by email only :

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