

ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Washington is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Seattle office.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Legal representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses or involved in post conviction proceedings in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Responsibilities include managing a caseload with 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.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: The successful applicant must be a graduate from an accredited law school and a member in good standing with a state bar association. Five years trial experience and excellent writing skills required. The applicant should be prepared to immediately undertake the representation of clients in serious criminal and habeas corpus cases in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, as well as appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ability to manage a heavy caseload, an ability to travel and work flexible hours, a reputation for integrity, the ability to work in a team environment, effective organizational skills, an ability to set priorities are essential for this position. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

SALARY/BENEFITS: This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Employees of the Federal Defender are considered at-will employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Salary range is \$70,000 to \$130,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit). Position will remain open until filled. The successful candidate will be subject to a background check and IRS "tax check" procedure as a condition of employment.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Applicants should send or fax a letter of interest, a current and detailed resume, and the names and contact information for two work references who may be contacted. Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applications should be submitted to:

Thomas W. Hillier, II
Federal Public Defender
Attn: Human Resources
1601 Fifth Avenue, Suite 700
Seattle, WA 98101

Open until filled. No telephone inquiries or informational e-mails will be accepted.

The Federal Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.