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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of West Virginia, at Charleston, is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

Requirements: An Assistant Federal Public Defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and have admission and good standing in a state bar; (2) licensed to practice law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, or must become so licensed within one year after entrance on duty; and (3) licensed to practice law in the State of West Virginia, or must become so licensed within one year after entrance on duty.

Duties: Assistant Federal Public Defender duties include trials and court hearings, direct appeals to the circuit court, post-conviction and witness representation, and representation in other matters such as supervised release hearings and probation and parole hearings.

Selection Criteria: The successful applicant must have a demonstrated capacity or aptitude for excellence in trial and appellate practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and sufficient experience to immediately undertake the defense of serious criminal cases in the United States courts. This position also requires excellent research skills; proficiency in computer-assisted legal research; word processing capability; and time management skills.

The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

Salary and benefits: This is a full-time position, and federal salary and benefits apply. Salary commensurate with Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the Southern District of West Virginia. This position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) of net pay.

How to Apply: Qualified persons may apply by submitting a letter of interest, resume, three professional references, law school and undergraduate transcripts, and one writing sample to:

Mary Lou Newberger
Federal Public Defender
U.S. Courthouse, Room 3400
300 Virginia Street, East
Charleston, WV 25301

Applications must be received by October 7, 2011. All responses will remain confidential.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal-Opportunity Employer