

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa**

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 20.02**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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The Federal Public Defender for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Duties will include trial, appellate and ancillary matters under the direction and guidance of the Federal Defender. Travel throughout the state will be required for investigation and litigation. Federal criminal trial experience preferred. The successful applicant will have demonstrated a capacity or aptitude for excellence in trial and appellate practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity.

This is a full-time telework position. The Assistant Federal Defender will be responsible for our Council Bluffs caseload, and will also travel to and assist with our Sioux City caseload as needed.

**REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited law school and be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or territory. The successful applicant must have sufficient experience to immediately defend serious criminal cases in federal court, from arraignment to appeal. Proficient research skills and effective written and oral communication abilities are essential. Preference will be given to attorneys with at least three years of criminal defense experience.

The successful candidate must be located within the commuting area of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which includes Omaha, Nebraska. Due to the nature of telework, an understanding and proficiency in the use of electronic mail, personal computers, and printers is mandatory. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

**BACKGROUND CHECK:** The selected candidate will be subject to a background check and subsequent favorable suitability determination as a condition of employment. Employment will be considered provisional until favorable suitability is confirmed.

***SALARY:*** Commensurate to Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. Electronic Funds Transfer is required for payroll direct deposit.

***APPLICATION PROCESS:*** Electronically submit resume, writing sample and cover letter by March 16, 2020 to Denise\_Fest@fd.org. The email subject line ***must read:*** Telework position announcement 20.02. Preference will be given to applications received by March 16, 2020, however position open until filled. Only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

This position is subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2020 funding.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.