

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2201
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, to be stationed in the Cedar Rapids office. 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. Experience representing accused persons and experience in federal court are 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.

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. Proficient research skills and effective written and oral communication abilities are essential. 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. Preference will be given to attorneys with at least three years of criminal defense experience. The entrance on duty for this position is no later than November 29, 2021.

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 October 24, 2021 to Denise_Fest@fd.org. The email subject line ***must read:*** Cedar Rapids position announcement 2201. Preference will be given to applications received by October 24, 2021, however position open until filled. Only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.