JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

APPEALS UNIT
ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER
(One Position)
Posting Code 50018020

The Federal Community Defender Office represents indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The available Assistant Federal Defender position is in the Office’s Appeals Unit, which represents such defendants in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and in the United States Supreme Court. Our Appeals Unit is an integral part of our Trial Unit, which represents persons prosecuted for all types of federal offenses, including offenses involving firearms, controlled substances, immigration, kidnapping, terrorism, complex white collar fraud, public corruption, child exploitation, human trafficking, robbery, and other crimes. We recently expanded our practice to include federal capital homicide defense.

Our Appeals Unit consists of six lawyers and two support staff, who are committed to providing the highest level of appellate representation to our clients. While each of our appellate lawyers has an active practice representing clients in federal appellate proceedings, our Appeals lawyers also work collaboratively with each other and more broadly with other practice groups in the Office. Appeals lawyers routinely consult with and provide support to our Trial Unit regarding developments in criminal jurisprudence and practice.

Candidates should have a minimum of three years of federal criminal practice experience, with more experience (and particularly federal appellate experience) preferred. Exceptions to this experience requirement may be made for exceptionally well-qualified candidates. Demonstrated working knowledge of federal criminal law, including sentencing guidelines familiarity, is required. Candidates must have strong analytical skills and research and writing capabilities, as well as a commitment to the representation of the indigent. Candidates must also be able to communicate effectively with clients, colleagues, staff, government, and court personnel.

Applicants should be members in good standing of the bar of their jurisdiction of current practice and, if hired, must become a member of the bars of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States, if not already admitted to those bars.
Salary will be based upon experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. Kindly note that the filling of this position will be subject to the funding restrictions and approval of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. In light of temporarily modified nationwide administrative procedures, the successful candidate for this position will be selected as soon as possible but employment will not commence until mid-October 2020 or thereafter.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to Federal Community Defender Careers by Friday, May 29, 2020. Candidates will be interviewed on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

The Federal Defender Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. The office offers a non-smoking environment.