

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
INVESTIGATOR / MITIGATION SPECIALIST

POSITION #: 2012-01-CINV
ANNOUNCED: February 1, 2012
CLOSES: February 24, 2012

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh Division) is seeking an experienced **Investigator/Mitigation Specialist** for its Capital Habeas Unit (CHU). The Unit represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings.

Job Description: The Investigator /Mitigation Specialist is required to play an integral role in the development and work-up of both guilt phase and penalty phase issues, including, most importantly, mitigation. The Investigator /Mitigation Specialist is responsible for supporting the development of the mitigation aspect of the Unit's cases and other duties including locating and interviewing witnesses, extensive review of documents and other evidence, and collaboration with forensic and mental health experts.

Requirements and Qualifications: Applicants must possess substantial investigative and mitigation experience, including conducting multi-generational family history investigations for capital trial or post-conviction litigation. The preferred candidate will be qualified by specialized training and experience to screen for the presence of mental or psychological disorders or impairments and intellectual disabilities. Candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with others in a team-based approach. Must possess a valid driver's license, insurance and own/operate a personal vehicle for business purposes. Ability to engage in significant travel is required. Preferred, but not required are Spanish language fluency, and a Master's or higher degree in Social Work or its equivalent. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. The starting salary range is \$58,519-\$98,562, and will be based on education and years of relevant experience consistent with federal guidelines and regulations. The position is in the excepted service and does not have the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service, however the position does carry regular government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. This position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful outcome of a background fingerprint check.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume *postmarked by February 24, 2012*, to:

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