



United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit  
**POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from all qualified persons for the position of Federal Public Defender (FPD) for the Eastern District of California. This position will be available on December 31, 2012 upon the retirement of the current FPD.

The FPD Office, including a Capital Habeas Unit, is headquartered in Sacramento, CA. The office maintains a fully-staffed branch office in Fresno, CA, that covers federal criminal courts in Fresno, Yosemite, and Bakersfield, CA. The incumbent will manage an annual budget of \$17.38 million and an office of approximately 95 employees, which include attorneys, paralegals, investigators, and administrative personnel. The term of appointment is four years, renewable upon demonstration of highly satisfactory performance in office. The current authorized annual salary is \$155,500. The Office of the Federal Public Defender provides federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. An applicant must satisfy the following conditions: (1) be admitted to practice before the highest court of at least one state; (2) be a member in good standing of every state Bar of which he/she is a member; (3) have a minimum of 5 years of criminal practice, preferably with significant federal criminal trial experience; (4) possess administrative expertise; (5) have a reputation for integrity; and (6) be committed to the representation of those unable to afford counsel.

A Local Screening Committee will review all applications and conduct interviews of the most qualified candidates. The screening committee will refer the most qualified candidates to the Ninth Circuit's Standing Committee on Federal Public Defenders who will refer the best qualified candidate to the Court of Appeals for a final decision and appointment.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the address and/or telephone/fax numbers listed below. The application may also be downloaded from our website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov). Applicants are advised to allow for sufficient time to complete and submit the application. **Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit and received by 5 p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2012.**

Any letters of reference submitted (although optional) must accompany the completed application.

Application forms may also be obtained by contacting:

**Ms. Tina Brier, Assistant Circuit Executive for Human Resources**

**95 Seventh Street, Suite 429  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1518  
Attn: FPD Recruitment - CAE**

**Telephone: (415) 355-8910  
Fax: (415) 355-8901  
Email: [personnel@ce9.uscourts.gov](mailto:personnel@ce9.uscourts.gov)**

**Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials:  
Thursday, May 3, 2012**

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