

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
Columbus, Ohio**

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
RESEARCH & WRITING SPECIALIST/CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT**

Open Date: March 5, 2012 Close Date: March 26, 2012

The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio is accepting applications for the position of Research & Writing Specialist for our Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) located in Columbus, Ohio. The research & writing specialist is an attorney position which provides advanced research and writing support to the Assistant Federal Defenders in the unit. Specifically the individual writes briefs, motions, petitions, and legal memoranda. The individual will be a part of a team of attorneys and investigators representing death sentenced individuals. The individual does not ordinarily sign pleadings or make court appearances unless it is determined by the Defender, or the Supervising Attorney for the Unit, to be appropriate for training and other circumstances.

Requirements and Qualifications: The successful applicant must be a graduate from an accredited law school and a member in good standing of a state bar or immediately eligible for bar admission. Applicants should have a commitment to providing quality representation to indigent defendants and have a reputation for personal integrity. Strong computer research, word processing, and interpersonal communication skills are essential for this position, as is the ability to analyze legal issues from lengthy, complex records and write clearly and concisely. Successful applicants will be able to prioritize projects and work both independently and cooperatively. Research & Writing attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

Salary and Benefits: This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications within the guidelines set by the judiciary salary scale. Position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

Conditions of Employment: All application information is subject to verification. Appointment to the position is contingent upon a background investigation including an FBI fingerprint check. Employees of the Federal Defender are members of the judicial branch of government; they are considered 'at will' and can be terminated with or without cause.

Application Information: To apply for this position submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample and references to:

Federal Defender Office for the Southern District of Ohio
ATTN: Carol Wright
10 W. Broad St. Suite 1020
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer.
Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.