

# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #12 – 03

## *FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, DISTRICT OF KANSAS Topeka, Kansas*

Position:	<b>Assistant Federal Public Defender</b>
Salary:	Starting salary dependent upon experience and qualifications
Location:	Topeka, Kansas
Open to:	All applicants
Closing Date:	Open until filled. Priority consideration given to applications received by 5 pm CST, May 18, 2012.

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Kansas is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender position in the Topeka, KS branch office. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC §3006A, to provide representation in federal criminal matters in the federal courts. Office headquarters are located in Wichita, Kansas with branch offices in Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas.

**Requirements and Qualifications:** The Assistant Defender must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of the state; 2) licensed to practice in the US District Court for the District of Kansas by the time of entrance on duty; and 3) licensed to practice law in the State of Kansas, or must become licensed at the earliest opportunity after entrance on duty. A minimum of five years legal experience is required. Experience handling federal criminal cases is preferred.

Applicants must have court experience, strong writing and advocacy skills, an established capacity or demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense; a reputation for personal and professional integrity; a commitment to the representation of indigent defendants and an ability to work well in a team environment.

Applicants must be a US Citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

### **Job Description:**

The Assistant Federal Defender provides zealous, professional legal representation to clients charged with federal criminal offenses. Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload; preparing pleadings, motions and briefs; reviewing discovery documents, interviewing witnesses, developing litigation strategies, meeting with

clients; working with experts; assisting CJA panel attorneys; appearing on behalf of clients in court. Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Some travel is required.

***Salaries and Benefits:*** The position is full-time with federal benefits and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications and comparable to that of Assistant US Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. The position is excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by direct deposit. A final offer of employment is subject to a background check.

***Application Information:*** Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, resume, references and representative writing sample. Legal experience should be described in detail. Email completed application materials to Ms. Cyd Gilman, Federal Public Defender at [KSFPD@fd.org](mailto:KSFPD@fd.org) (PDF format preferred). Position announced May 04, 2012; position open until filled; priority consideration given to applications received by 5 pm CST, May 18, 2012.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.