

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER - SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT
Columbus, Ohio

INVESTIGATOR / MITIGATION SPECIALIST
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
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OPEN DATE: July 3, 2012
CLOSE DATE: July 31, 2012

The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio is accepting applications for an investigator/mitigation specialist for our Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) located in Columbus, OH. The Unit represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus and appellate 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, serving subpoenas, and locating, retrieving and analyzing documents and other evidence.

Requirements. Applicants must possess investigative and/or mitigation experience, including the investigation and development of defense mitigation presentations in capital trials or post-conviction cases. Those without demonstrated mitigation experience will be considered if the applicant possesses experience with mental health, social work issues, or a journalism background. Knowledge of federal and state court systems and familiarity with federal habeas corpus or other post-conviction litigation and/or complex federal civil or criminal litigation would be an asset. Knowledge and skill in computer research are preferred. 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.

Salary and Benefits: This is a full-time position with federal salary and benefits based on qualifications and experience. The starting salary is within the Judiciary Salary Plan Grades 11-14 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) participation for payment of net pay. Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful outcome of a background check, including FBI fingerprint check. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

Application Information: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to:
Office of the Federal Public Defender - Southern District of Ohio
Capital Habeas Unit
ATTN: Carol Wright
10 W. Broad St. Suite 1020
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Federal Public Defender – Southern District of Ohio is an equal opportunity employer.
Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
One or more applicants may be selected from this posting.
This position is subject to the availability of funds.