

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania is accepting applications for an experienced attorney to serve as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in its Pittsburgh office. The position primarily involves legal representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court, though the position may also require providing representation to individuals in federal habeas corpus proceedings.

**Responsibilities** include managing a caseload with cases at varying stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs and motions; appearing on behalf of the client in court hearings and at other related proceedings; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members and other duties as assigned.

**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. Trial experience, as well as excellent research, writing and oral advocacy skills, are required. Fluency in Spanish a plus. The applicant should be prepared to immediately undertake the representation of clients in serious criminal cases, and a working knowledge of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines is preferred (not required). Ability to manage a heavy caseload, travel and work flexible hours are essential for the position, as are a reputation for integrity, the ability to work in a team environment, effective organizational skills, and an ability to set priorities. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

**Salary/Benefits.** This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit). The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check and IRS "tax check" procedure as a condition of employment. Position will remain open until filled. Applicants should be available to commence employment on or before September 28, 2012.

**Application Information.** Qualified applicants should, no later than August 22, 2012, send by mail a letter of interest, a current and detailed resume, and the names and contact information for two work references who may be contacted to:

Lisa B. Freeland  
Federal Public Defender  
**ATTENTION: 2012-07-TAFD**  
1500 Liberty Center  
1001 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3714

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. **No telephone calls please.**