

Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Texas
Vacancy Announcement

Position:	Assistant Federal Public Defenders
Location:	Dallas and Fort Worth Divisions
Application Deadline:	November 15, 2013

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Texas is accepting applications for full-time Assistant Federal Public Defenders in both the Dallas and Fort Worth Divisions of the Northern District of Texas. The Office of the Federal Public Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide representation in federal criminal matters in the federal courts.

Job Description: The Assistant Federal Defender provides zealous, legal representation to clients charged with federal criminal offenses before the federal district court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and Supreme Court of the United States. 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. A further description can be found at <http://txn.fd.org>.

Requirements and Qualifications: The Assistant Defender must be 1) a graduate of an accredited law school; 2) admitted to practice in good standing before a state bar; and 3) licensed to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas no later than the initial hire date.

Federal criminal legal experience is preferred. Applicants must have 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. *Fluency in Spanish is desirable.*

Salary 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, transcripts, and representative writing sample to **Jason Hawkins, Federal Public Defender, 525 South Griffin Street, Suite 629, Dallas, Texas 75202**. No telephone calls please. Legal experience should be described in detail. The positions are open until filled and priority consideration will be given to applications received by November 15, 2013.

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