

# FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEFENDER

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABLE POSITION Research and Writing Attorney

The Federal Community Defender (FCD) of the Eastern District of Michigan invites applications for a Research and Writing Attorney position at our main office in Detroit.

The FCD, established in 1972, provides excellent court-appointed representation to indigent defendants charged with federal crimes in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. We foster and promote the highest caliber of representation engendered by Sixth Amendment and ensure that guarantee is afforded to all. The Detroit office serves in the district courts in Detroit, Ann Arbor, and Port Huron, Michigan. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, which is federally funded 100% by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. FCD staff are not government employees.

**QUALIFICATIONS.** The Research and Writing Attorney provide excellent research and writing support to assistant federal defenders on advanced trial, appellate, and post-conviction issues. Research and Writing Attorneys write briefs, motions, petitions for certiorari, and legal memoranda. They review discovery, offer in-depth legal analysis on emerging legal issues, and assist with all aspects of case preparation, training, and continuing legal education. Research and Writing Attorneys also supervise our office's law student internship program. The position also requires intellectual creativity for researching and presenting novel legal issues. In addition to deep knowledge of criminal law, procedure, and evidence, applicants must have familiarity with the federal sentencing guidelines and statutory schemes. Our work is fast-paced and demanding. Experience working cases with multidisciplinary defense teams is a plus. Recognition of the racial disparities in federal charges and sentencing is necessary. A successful applicant will demonstrate an unfaltering desire to advocate aggressively for the underserved, marginalized, and poor.

Applicants must be law school graduates and members in good standing of any state bar.

**SALARY:** Negotiable, DOE, and is comparable to salaries paid by U.S. Attorney's Office.

**BENEFITS:** Excellent benefit package, including health, life, vision and dental insurances, as well as a 403B Pension Plan.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants should submit a resume, including three references, law school transcripts, one or two recent writing samples, and a cover letter with an explanation of interest in the desired position. All applications should be submitted electronically, **as one organized PDF**, to [mie\\_fdoresumes@fd.org](mailto:mie_fdoresumes@fd.org), or by mail to Federal Community Defender, Attn: Attorney Position, 613 Abbott Street, Suite 500, Detroit, MI 48226.

**Position open until filled.** No phone calls and no follow-up emails. Position vacancies contingent upon final approval and funding by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The FCDEDM is an Equal Opportunity Employer.