

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Assistant Federal Public Defender**

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota seeks an attorney to join our branch office in Fargo, North Dakota. Our office provides high-quality representation to people charged with federal crimes who cannot afford to hire an attorney. We operate under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act.

**Position Description:** Assistant Federal Public Defenders zealously and professionally represent clients in a fast-paced, challenging, diverse, and rewarding work environment. Responsibilities include managing a caseload; working with clients; interviewing witnesses and family members; developing release plans; reviewing discovery; preparing pleadings, motions, and briefs; developing litigation strategies; working with experts; advising CJA panel attorneys; and in-court litigation through all stages of a criminal case. Some travel is necessary. Attorneys in our office may not engage in the private practice of law.

**Qualifications:** Required: (1) graduation from an accredited law school; (2) admission to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state or the District of Columbia; (3) willingness to become admitted to the North Dakota Bar within a year of beginning employment; and (4) US citizenship or work authorization.

Above all we are looking for applicants with a demonstrated commitment to indigent defense, and an ability to work well in a team environment. We value court experience, creativity, and superior research and writing skills.

**Salary and Benefits:** The salary range is commensurate with experience within a range of \$69,107-162,148. The position is full-time with federal benefits, including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is paid bi-weekly and only by direct deposit. A final offer of employment is subject to funding and a background check.

**How to Apply:** Apply by emailing a letter of interest, resume, three references, and a recent writing sample in a single pdf document to [NDX\\_Jobs@fd.org](mailto:NDX_Jobs@fd.org). The position is open until filled.

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.