

Federal Defender of West Michigan

Position Announcement Assistant Federal Public Defender

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Michigan is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender. The Federal Public Defender operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006(A), and provides criminal defense services to people charged with federal crimes who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

Assistant Federal Public Defenders provide every aspect of representation to individuals charged with federal crimes including trials and related hearings, direct appeals, post-conviction and habeas relief, witness representation, supervised release violations and other matters.

Applicants must be graduates of an accredited law school, admitted and in good standing with a state bar or eligible for admission. Applicants must also be eligible for admission to the Western District of Michigan. Qualified candidates must have an aptitude for trial practice and superior analytical ability and at least two years of trial experience. The successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills, good judgment, the ability to prioritize and to work both independently and cooperatively. Commitment to the indigent and personal integrity are essential.

Salary is dependent upon qualifications and experience. The position includes Federal benefits. Employment is at will. An FBI background check is required. Please send a resume with cover letter, writing sample, and references to Melissa Rabidoux at melissa_rabidoux@fd.org.

**Applications accepted until the position is filled.
No telephone inquiries please.**

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Opportunity Employer.