



**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2024-01
(TRIAL LAWYER)**

The Federal Public Defender is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Trial Unit. This is a full-time position located in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Trial Unit represents indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court and provides appellate representation in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Applicants must be committed to zealous representation of the indigent accused and must be committed to protecting their constitutional interests while providing holistic representation. Our office mission requires that each employee embrace our core values of compassion, courage, competency, creativity, and collaboration.

Ideal candidates should have criminal litigation experience, excellent oral and written communication, demonstrated ability to work with a team, ability to multitask and meet concrete deadlines, and ability to aggressively, but civilly, represent the client. Further, the ideal candidate will be client-centered, open-minded, creative, empathetic, a quick learner, honest, hard-working, energetic, respectful of others, and have a strong commitment to indigent criminal defense. A working knowledge of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines is preferred.

The selected applicant should expect to defend the full range of federal criminal offenses, including guns, drugs, child pornography, white collar, and immigration crimes. Travel is required for case work and training.

Applicants must be members in good standing of a state bar, and eligible for admission to the Eastern District of Arkansas. Salary is commensurate with experience and education and is comparable to that of Assistant United States Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. The position is excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. A final offer of employment is subject to a background check.

How to apply: Please send the following in PDF format to Caletta.Jones@fd.org:
(1) a letter of interest; (2) a detailed resume; (3) a writing sample; and (4) three references.

Priority will be given to responses received by February 15, 2024.

More than one vacancy may be filled.
No phone calls or emails, please.