

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

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**LEGAL INTERN**

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is accepting applications for a Legal Intern in our Bismarck, Fargo, Pierre, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls branch offices. Our office provides high-quality representation to people charged with federal crimes who cannot afford to hire an attorney. The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Position Description:** Legal Interns work closely with staff attorneys to provide research and writing services. They assist attorneys in trial preparation prior to and at trial, interview clients and witnesses with attorneys or investigators, assist in researching trial, evidentiary, and appellate issues, prepare legal and factual memoranda, and review and summarize discovery. Above all, we are looking for applicants who are committed to representing indigent accused persons and who maintain a reputation for personal and professional integrity.

**Qualifications:** A Legal Intern must be a current law student who has not yet been admitted to the bar of any jurisdiction. This is not a full-time permanent position, it is a temporary summer internship that lasts approximately 10-12 weeks. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation which includes a fingerprint check.

**Salary/Benefits:** Starting salary commensurate with experience and qualifications, within a range from JSP-5, Step 1, to JSP-9, Step 1, currently yielding \$39,576 to \$59,966 per year.

**How to Apply:** Apply by emailing a letter of interest and resume in a single PDF document to [SDX\\_JOBS@fd.org](mailto:SDX_JOBS@fd.org) by May 13, 2024. Within your letter of interest, please indicate which location(s) to which you are applying. More than one position may be filled pursuant to this announcement, but no more than one per branch office location.

Vacancy Announcement: April 10, 2024