

# FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

Southern District of Florida

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## FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER MIAMI OFFICE

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The Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Florida is accepting applications for the positions of Assistant Federal Public Defender in our Miami office. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, an Equal Opportunity Employer, operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. §3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

**Requirements:** An Assistant Federal Public Defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school and have admission and good standing in a state bar; (2) have at least two years of experience practicing law; and (3) a member of, or eligible for immediate admission to, the bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

**Duties:** Assistant Federal Public Defender duties include trial and court hearings, direct appeals to the circuit court, post-conviction and witness representation, and representation in other matters such as supervised release hearings and probation and parole hearings.

**Selection Criteria:** The successful applicant must have a demonstrated capacity or aptitude for excellence in trial and appellate practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and sufficient experience to immediately undertake the defense of serious criminal cases in the United States courts. This position also requires excellent courtroom skills, strong writing abilities, excellent research skills, proficiency in computer-assisted legal research, word processing capability and time management skills.

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**The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.**

**Salary and Benefits:** This is a full-time position, and federal salary and benefits apply. Salary commensurate with Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of Florida. This position is subject to mandatory electronic transfer (direct deposit) of net pay.

**How to Apply: No telephone calls please.** Qualified persons may apply by submitting **(in .pdf format as ONE attachment)** a letter of interest outlining experience, background in criminal law, and interest in the field of criminal defense, resume, three references with contact information, and a representative writing sample to:

Raysa “Raisa” Gonzalez  
Human Resources Specialist  
Federal Public Defender’s Office  
150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1500  
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[Raisa\\_Gonzalez@fd.org](mailto:Raisa_Gonzalez@fd.org)

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Hiring for this position is subject to the availability of funds in the final appropriation. Applications will be accepted until **July 31, 2024**. All responses will remain confidential.

**The Federal Public Defender is an Equal-Opportunity Employer. All applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or age, are encouraged to apply.**