

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Investigator - Pensacola



Navarre Beach, FL

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Florida is seeking an Investigator for the FPD's branch office in Pensacola. This is a position in the office's trial unit.

The Investigator is an integral part of a team of attorneys, paralegal(s), and support staff. Duties include the ability to gather information; locate and interview witnesses; prepare comprehensive written reports; request records; testify in court; communicate with clients; and summarize voluminous documents. Additionally, investigating mitigation, including mental health history and personal and family

history, is a necessary skill for the position. Applicants must have strong organizational skills and broad familiarity with computer programs.

To qualify, the applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent and have at least three years of investigative experience and a valid driver's license. A four-year college degree is highly desirable. Criminal defense experience is preferred.



Palafox Pier, Pensacola, FL

Pensacola is a hidden gem on the Gulf of Mexico. It is home to brilliant, emerald-green water, world class white-sand beaches and a vibrant downtown. Established in 1559, Pensacola is one of the oldest cities in America and is steeped in history and culture - to include the Pensacola Opera, the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Ballet Pensacola, the historic Saenger Theatre, and the accredited Pensacola Museum of Art. Pensacola has a food and arts calendar filled with annual festivals such as the Foo Foo Festival, the Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival, Pensacon/ComicCon, Pensacola Seafood Festival, Pensacola Crawfish Festival, the Fiesta of Five Flags and holiday themed parades and celebrations to include Mardi Gras. The legendary

Blue Angels call Pensacola home and are housed at Naval Air Station Pensacola, often called the “Cradle of Naval Aviation.”

The area is surrounded by gorgeous state and national parks, to include the Gulf Islands National Seashore, the 8th most visited park in 2022 for recreation in the National Park Service. One of the best sailing venues in the world, Pensacola is the new permanent home of American Magic, the American yacht racing team formed to compete in the 37th America’s Cup located in Barcelona, Spain. The area has a rich sports history, including a minor league baseball team, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, and a professional ice hockey team, the Pensacola Ice Flyers. Aside from all its amenities, Pensacola is truly “the Upside of Florida” and offers a quality of life that is not available in larger cities – the cost of living is 85% lower than San Francisco, 17% lower than New Orleans, and 59% lower than Washington, D.C., per the Forbes.com Cost of Living Calculator.



Pensacola Dog Beaches

Salary is dependent upon experience. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include Government employment benefits, including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Employment is subject to funding and conditioned upon a favorable background check. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references (in .pdf format) to **fln_resumes@fd.org**. The position will remain open until filled, but early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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. Reasonable accommodations are available to applicants with disabilities.

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