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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #21-001 **ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER**

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California is now accepting applications for a full-time **Assistant Federal Defender** position for its Sacramento Office. The Office of the Federal Defender operates under the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, representing indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related court matters.

Assistant Federal Defenders provide zealous, professional legal representation to indigent persons charged with misdemeanor and felony criminal offenses before the United States District Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and occasionally before the United States Supreme Court. Office attorneys carry an extensive, varied caseload through all litigation stages with room to explore novel legal and factual arguments in defending our clients. Our lawyers practice at the highest levels, with excellent reputations for personal and professional integrity. Our Office also enjoys a collegial culture, strongly encouraging teamwork and collaborative discussion.

The Office of the Federal Defender currently seeks a defense attorney with criminal law or federal clerkship experience. Spanish fluency is a plus. Immediate responsibilities include managing a sizeable caseload with cases at varying litigation stages; appearing on behalf of clients in court hearings and other related proceedings; developing litigation strategies; preparing pleadings, briefs, and motions; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, and family members; and other duties as assigned. Applicants must have excellent legal writing and oral advocacy skills, computer-assisted legal research proficiency, the ability to work in a collaborative team environment, and effective organizational skills with the ability to set priorities.

All applicants must either be admitted to the State Bar of California or be a member in good standing of another state's bar and be admitted to the California Bar within two years of starting.

Two or more years experience in criminal law preferred. Please describe motion, trial and appellate experience. Indicate any other than English language proficiencies. Must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident applying for U.S. citizenship. Selected candidate will be subject to a background check as an employment condition.

This position is a full-time permanent position with federal salary based on qualifications and experience. Federal government benefits apply, including health, life and long-term care insurances, retirement benefits, thrift savings program, and flexible spending accounts. Direct deposit of pay required.

Position posted on 1/15/21 and open until filled. Considering applications starting 2/1/21. Applicants will be notified before any references are contacted.

To apply, please submit as a single Adobe pdf file a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, three references and a completed *Application for Judicial Branch Employment* form (AO78), http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO_78.pdf, to the following email:

cae_hr@fd.org

The Office of the Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency.