

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 2203
ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender, to be stationed in the Sioux City office. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the United States Courts, operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

JOB DESCRIPTION: An Assistant Federal Public Defender represents indigent criminal defendants in trial, appeal, and ancillary matters under the direction and guidance of the Federal Public Defender. Regular court appearances and travel throughout the state will be required. The successful applicant will have demonstrated a capacity or aptitude for excellence in criminal practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. The Federal Public Defender follows a hybrid work model, allowing attorneys to incorporate telework when consistent with obligations to clients and the court. The successful applicant will enjoy a welcoming and friendly courthouse community in Sioux City.

REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited law school and be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or territory. Proficient research skills and effective written and oral communication abilities are essential. Federal Public Defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States. Preference will be given to attorneys with trial experience (especially in federal court or criminal cases) or a prior federal judicial clerkship.

BACKGROUND CHECK: The selected candidate will be subject to a background check and subsequent favorable suitability determination as a condition of employment. Employment will be considered provisional until favorable suitability is confirmed.

SALARY: Commensurate to Assistant U.S. Attorneys with similar qualifications and experience. Electronic Funds Transfer is required for payroll direct deposit.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Electronically submit resume, writing sample and cover letter by April 25, 2022 to Denise_Fest@fd.org. The email subject line **must read:** Sioux City position announcement 2203. Preference will be given to applications received by April 25, 2022, however the position is open until filled. Only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

The Federal Public Defender is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.