

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**  
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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER - CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT**

The Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Oklahoma is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Capital Habeas Unit to be stationed in Oklahoma City. The Federal Public Defender operates under authority of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3006A(g)(2)(A), to provide legal services by court appointment to individuals unable to afford counsel. The Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Public Defender's Office represents death sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus litigation proceedings throughout Oklahoma.

**Requirements:** An Assistant Federal Public Defender must be (1) a graduate of an accredited law school, and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state; (2) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court by the time of entrance on duty. It is preferred that applicants have capital litigation experience in direct appeal, state post-conviction or federal habeas corpus proceedings. Other related experience may be considered. Applicants must be team-oriented, exhibit strong writing skills and a commitment to criminal defense for those facing the death penalty. Heavy and extended travel is required.

**Selection Criteria:** The successful applicant will have an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. Applicants must submit to a background security investigation requiring a FBI name search, IRS tax check, and to be fingerprinted and photographed. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication.

**Salary and Benefits:** The salary of an Assistant Federal Public Defender is commensurate with that of an Assistant U.S. Attorney with similar qualifications and experience. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does include regular Government employee benefits including health and life insurance, retirement, and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). This positions is at will and subject to the availability of funds.

**How to Apply:** Qualified persons may apply by sending via email a letter of interest, resume and representative writing sample. References will be required from candidates selected for an interview. Applicable experience should be described in detail. Send completed application in pdf format to: zack\_pan@fd.org (Letter of interest and references must be included). Deadline: **August 6, 2021**.

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the Tenth Circuit. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.**