



FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT - PARALEGAL

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Application deadline: August 14, 2017

The Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois is accepting applications for the position of Paralegal based in the Springfield office and also supporting attorneys in Peoria, Rock Island, and Urbana. The Federal Public Defender's Office operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act 18 U.S.C. § 3006A to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the court to individuals unable to afford counsel.

Position Description - The Paralegal provides support services to staff attorneys. Duties of the paralegal include, but are not limited to, all aspects of case preparation and file management; gathering, organizing, summarizing and indexing of electronic and paper documents and discovery material; assisting with client contact; assisting attorneys at hearings and trials; and litigation support services using advanced software programs. This position requires excellent skills in prioritization and organization, the ability to work independently and cooperatively, and excellent communication skills. Applicants must be flexible and willing to assist attorneys in crisis situations and also work with the attorneys in all aspects of case presentations and correspondence.

Requirements and Qualifications. To qualify a person must be a high school graduate or equivalent and have at least three years of general experience and three years of specialized experience; some higher education may be substituted for specialized experience. Bachelor's degree preferred. Personal computer, advanced word processing skills, and law office experience are required. Law office experience in a criminal defense firm preferred. Computer literacy and experience with Word, Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Excel, Westlaw and Lexis is required; use of PowerPoint, Trial Director, and Summation is preferred. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to handle multiple projects, exercise good judgment, and have good communication skills.

Salary and Benefits. This full-time position is in the excepted service and offers full federal benefits (subject to the terms of the benefit packages), including Federal Employees Retirement System, Thrift Savings Plan, health and life insurance, annual and sick leave, and paid holidays. Direct deposit is required for payment of compensation for employees. The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check as a condition of employment. Position will remain open until filled and is subject to the availability of funding. Starting salary will be commensurate with experience with a range from JSP (Judiciary Salary Plan) Grade 11, Step 1 to JSP Grade 14, Step 1 (currently \$60,210 to \$101,409 per annum).

Application Information. Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest, a current and detailed resume, the names and contact information for three work references who may be contacted, and a completed AO78 application to:

ilchr@fd.org

The Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Costs associated with interviewing and relocation will not be reimbursed. **No telephone inquiries please.**

b. Name and location of colleges or universities attended (<i>including law schools</i>)	Dates Attended	Credit Hours		Degree	Date Received	Grade Point Average and/or scholastic standing
		Quarter	Semester			

16. c. Other schools or training attended (*list name/location of school, dates attended, subject studied, certificates received, and other pertinent data*):

JOB RELATED SKILLS, AWARDS, SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

17. List any skills (e.g., language, computer, keyboarding speed), honors, awards, or special accomplishments (e.g., memberships in professional/honor societies, leadership activities, performance awards) that you believe are relevant to your ability to perform the job:

APPLICANTS FOR LEGAL POSITIONS

18. a. Are you admitted to the Bar? YES NO If yes, list the Bar(s) to which admitted and date(s) of admission. If no, skip to 18b. _____
- Is your Bar membership ACTIVE INACTIVE _____
- b. What was your scholastic standing in law school? UPPER ½ UPPER ⅓ UPPER ¼
- c. Were you a member of an editorial board of law review or a moot court participant? YES No

19. REMARKS (*Use this space for continuation of answers. List the item number being explained.*)

WORK EXPERIENCE

(Start with your present position and work back 10 years. Include any military service. Use additional page if necessary.)

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Dates of Employment (mm/dd/yyyy) From: _____ To: _____		Number of hours worked per week:	Exact Title of Your Position
Salary or Earnings Starting \$ _____ Per _____ Final \$ _____ Per _____		Pay Plan/Grade (If in federal Service)	Place of Employment City _____ State _____
Name and Address of Employer (firm, organization, etc.) Business Telephone: (Area Code and Phone Number)			Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor
Reason for Leaving			
Description of Work			

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Dates of Employment (mm/dd/yyyy) From: _____ To: _____		Number of hours worked per week:	Exact Title of Your Position
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APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for not hiring me, or firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment. I understand that any information I give may be investigated.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE SIGNED _____