



FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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Closing date: Open until filled, preference given to applications received by April 8, 2021

The Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois is accepting applications for the permanent position of Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Rock Island division. The Federal Public Defender's Office provides defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters in federal court pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A. The outside practice of law is prohibited.

**Qualifications.** An Assistant Federal Public Defender must have a commitment to the representation of indigent clients and a reputation for personal integrity. The successful applicant will have substantial experience (minimum of 3 years) in the area of criminal defense, including extensive federal trial and appellate experience. Excellent oral communication, computer literacy, and proven research and writing skills are required. The selected candidate must be able to assume a substantial caseload immediately and without significant supervision. The position requires regular travel to local detention facilities to visit detained clients and occasional travel to Chicago to appear before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Proficiency in Spanish is useful but not required.

**Requirements.** Applicants must be (1) United States citizens or authorized to work in the United States; (2) licensed by the highest court of a state, federal territory, or the District of Columbia; and (3) a member in good standing in all courts where admitted to practice.

**Salary and Benefits.** This full-time position is in the excepted service and offers full federal benefits, including Federal Employees Retirement System, Thrift Savings Plan, health and life insurance, annual and sick leave, and paid holidays. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Direct deposit is required for payment of compensation to employees. The selected candidate will be subject to an FBI fingerprint check as a condition of employment and may be subject to periodic updates.

**How to Apply.** Qualified persons may apply by sending the following, in **one** PDF document, to:  
[ilchr@fd.org](mailto:ilchr@fd.org)

- (1) letter of interest
- (2) resume with three professional references familiar with applicant's legal skills
- (3) recent writing sample that has not been edited by others
- (4) completed AO78 Application for Judicial Employment

*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. All positions are subject to the availability of funds.*

***No telephone inquiries.***

# FEDERAL JUDICIAL BRANCH APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

If you need additional space, continue under "Remarks" listing item number

1. Name <i>(Last, First, Middle Initial)</i>	2. Phone Number
3. Present Address <i>(Street, City, State, Zip)</i>	
4. Email Address	
5. Other Names Previously Used for Employment Purposes	6. Date of Birth <i>(complete only for law enforcement positions)</i>

### GENERAL

7. Are you a U.S. Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, give the Country of your citizenship
8. a. Were you ever a federal civilian employee?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, give highest civilian grade: _____ / _____ / _____ Pay Plan                      Grade                      Step
b. Are you receiving a federal civilian annuity payment?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
c. Are you receiving federal severance pay?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, give former agency contact/telephone: _____
d. Have you received a federal separation incentive payment in the past 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, state mo/yr received and former agency contact/telephone: _____
9. Do you have any relatives who are Judges, Officers or employees of the United States Courts?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, give their names, positions, and relationships to you. _____
10. Have you ever served on active duty with the military?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<i>(If yes, you will need to provide your DD-214 (copy 4), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, so that your service may be verified and credited)</i>

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For questions 11, 12, and 13, your answers should include convictions resulting from a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), but omit (1) traffic fines of \$300 or less, (2) any violation of law committed before your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, (3) any violation of law committed before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday if finally decided in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender law, (4) any conviction set aside under the Federal Youth Corrections Act or similar state law, and (5) any conviction for which the record was expunged under Federal or state law.

11. During the last 7 years, have you been convicted, imprisoned, on probation, or on parole? <i>(Include felonies, firearms or explosives violations, misdemeanors, and all other offenses)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, provide in Section 19 the date, explanation of violation, place of occurrence, and name/address of police dept or court.
12. Have you been convicted by a military court-martial in the past 7 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, provide in Section 19 the date, explanation of violation, place of occurrence, and name/address of military authority or court.
13. Are you now under charges for any violation of law?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, provide in Section 19 the date, explanation of violation, place of occurrence, and name/address of police dept or court.
14. During the last 5 years, have you been fired from any job for any reason, did you quit after being told that you would be fired, did you leave any job by mutual agreement because of specific problems, or were you debarred from Federal employment by the Office of Personnel Management or any other Federal agency?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, provide in Section 19 the date, explanation of problem, reason for leaving, and employer's name/address.
15. Are you delinquent on any Federal debt? <i>(Include delinquencies arising from Federal taxes, loans, overpayment of benefits, and other debts to the U.S. Government, plus defaults of Federally guaranteed or insured loans (e.g., student loan, home mortgage loan)).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, provide in Section 19 the type, length, and amount of delinquency/default, and steps being taken to correct the error/repay the debt.

### EDUCATION

16. a. Do you have a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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b. Name and location of colleges or universities attended (including law schools)	Dates Attended	Credit Hours		Degree (include major if applying for law enforcement position)	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 1/2  UPPER 1/3  UPPER 1/4
- 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.)**

Blank space for providing remarks and explanations for the answers provided in the previous section.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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

**A**

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

**B**

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

**C**

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

**D**

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_