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Vacancy Announcement

Position: Research & Writing Attorney (Temporary)

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Deadline: August 9, 2021

The Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California is accepting applications for full-time, temporary research & writing attorney positions in its trial unit, stationed in Los Angeles, California. The research & writing attorney would work for the office for one year. The trial unit is committed to the pursuit of justice by advocating in federal court for the constitutional rights and inherent dignity of individuals who are accused or convicted of crimes and cannot afford their own lawyer.

Job Duties: Research & writing attorneys provides advanced research and writing support to staff attorneys on trial and appellate cases. Core job duties include examining, analyzing and researching records and issues; researching legal issues; drafting motions, briefs, petitions, and legal memoranda; collaborating with attorneys and staff members; assisting staff attorneys with all aspects of case preparation; and visiting clients in jail, as needed.

Requirements: All applicants must have graduated from an accredited law school and be members in good standing of the California Bar or must be willing to sit for the next California Bar exam. Preference will be given to applicants with zero (0) to three (3) years of legal experience in state and/or federal court. In line with current appropriations law, applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents seeking citizenship as described here: <https://www.uscourts.gov/careers/search-judiciary-jobs/citizenship-requirements-employment-judiciary>.

Selection Criteria: Candidates must have a demonstrated commitment to indigent criminal defense and/or public interest law; must have superior oral and written communication skills; possess excellent research skills; and work well in teams. A background investigation is required as a condition of employment.

Salary/Benefits: This is a full-time, at-will position. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience and is subject to direct deposit. Benefits include health and life insurance, retirement, and a Thrift Savings Plan. For more information on benefits, see <http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits>.

How to Apply: Apply by emailing a letter of interest, résumé, two representative writing samples (limited to 15 pages each), and three references in a single PDF document to Cuauhtemoc Ortega, Federal Public Defender, at Employment@fpdcdca.org with the subject line: LA RESEARCH &

WRITING ATTORNEY APPLICATION. All application materials must be received by August 9, 2021. The Federal Public Defender's Office may fill current and future positions from this vacancy announcement. No phone calls please.

The Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace. All applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or age, are encouraged to apply.