

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
MIDDLE and WESTERN DISTRICTS OF LOUISIANA**

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT 04-2022: ASSISTANT FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Public Defender to be duty-stationed at the BATON ROUGE office of the Federal Public Defender, 707 Florida Street, Suite 303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801. The Office of the Federal Public Defender, which has staffed offices in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Shreveport, operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide court-appointed defense services in federal criminal cases to individuals unable to afford counsel.

**Requirements:** An Assistant Federal Public Defender is an attorney position. An applicant 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 for the Middle District of Louisiana by the time of entrance on duty; and (3) licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana, or must become so licensed at the earliest opportunity after entrance on duty. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory FBI fingerprint check. Proof of vaccination status required.

**Selection Criteria:** The successful applicant will have: an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice; a demonstrated commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons; a reputation for personal and professional integrity; strong legal research, word processing, legal analysis and writing skills; an established capacity to communicate effectively with clients, witnesses, colleagues, office staff and court personnel; an established capacity to complete assignments timely; and an established capacity to work both independently and collaboratively.

**Duties:** This is an entry level position and the Assistant Federal Public Defender in this position acts under the direction and supervision of the supervisory attorney of the Baton Rouge office. Duties include: legal research; drafting of motions, memoranda, sentencing memos, briefs, appeals and petitions for writs of certiorari; review and analysis of discovery; assist with all aspects of case preparation; assist in client communications; and perform any other case-related duties, including court appearances and trials, as assigned by the supervisory attorney, in connection with the legal representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. An Assistant Federal Public Defender may not engage in the private practice of law. The position requires the successful applicant to reside in the Baton Rouge area.

**Salary/Benefits:** This position is full-time with federal benefits and salary commensurate with professional attorney experience and qualifications. The entry-level salary begins at \$66,214.00. Employees of the Federal Public Defender Office are considered at-will employees. Position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

**Application Information:** Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest, resume, references and writing sample via mail to Marci Blaize, 707 Florida Street, Suite 303, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, or via email to [Marci\\_Blaize@fd.org](mailto:Marci_Blaize@fd.org). Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **May 31, 2022**. Applicants are encouraged to fill out the *Application for Judicial Branch Federal Employment* found here: <https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/ao078.pdf> No phone calls please. Position dependent on funding.

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