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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #17-002 Assistant Federal Defender

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California is seeking applications for an Assistant Federal Defender (AFD) for its Fresno Office. More than one selection may be made from this announcement. The Office of the Federal Defender operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide legal representation in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

The Assistant Federal Defender provides zealous, professional legal representation to indigent persons charged with criminal offenses in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload with cases at varying stages of litigation; preparing pleadings, briefs, and motions; appearing on behalf of clients in court hearings and at other related proceedings; reviewing various documents; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients, experts, witnesses, family members, and others. Within district travel for court and investigations is likely, requiring several hours of driving.

All applicants must either be admitted to the State Bar of California or be a member in good standing of another state's bar and be willing to be admitted to the California State Bar within 2 years of starting employment (including taking and passing the California Bar examination, passing Character & Fitness investigation, paying Bar dues and getting sworn in). Applicants must have strong writing and advocacy skills, the ability to work in a team environment, and must possess effective organizational skills and the ability to set priorities. At least 2 years of attorney experience or a federal clerkship required. Please indicate your level of trial experience. U.S. citizen or eligibility to work in the U.S. required. Fluency in Spanish is helpful. A valid driver's license is also required.

This is a full-time permanent position; federal government benefits apply, including retirement, health, life and long-term insurances, thrift savings program and flexible spending accounts. Direct deposit of pay required. Employees of the Federal Defender are considered "at-will" employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

To apply, please submit in a single Adobe pdf file, a cover letter, résumé, three references, writing sample and a completed Application for Judicial Branch Employment form (AO78), http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO_78.pdf, to the following email:

cae_hr@fd.org

Position announced on 12/19/16. Position closes on 1/20/17.

The Office of the Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.