

**Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho
Position Announcement**

**Trial Attorney
(Assistant Federal Public Defender)**

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is now accepting applications for a **Trial Attorney** position location in **Yakima, Washington**. The primary practice areas will be before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington and United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. This organization litigates cases in four locations: Richland, Yakima, and Spokane, WA (all in the Eastern District of Washington); and Coeur d'Alene, ID (District of Idaho).

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is the Community Defender Organization (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(B)) for the Eastern District of Washington and the Northern District of Idaho. The organization is a non-profit corporation funded by a grant from the federal government. Employees of Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho are considered "at will" and are not government employees. The organization provides defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters appointed by the court. The organization's main office is in Spokane, Washington, with a branch office in Yakima, Washington.

Due to COVID 19, our office is currently working on a rotating basis in office and remotely. This schedule is subject to change based on Washington State's Phase Reopening Plan and updated CDC Guidelines.

JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a trial attorney position. The attorney will be handling criminal cases from inception to trial, sentencing or both, as well as handling appeals. The caseload is varied, but includes the following: 1) firearms offenses; 2) drug offenses; 3) immigration offenses; 4) child pornography; 5) white collar offenses; and 6) violent offenses including serious assaults (physical and sexual) and murders occurring in Indian Country. Regular day trips and some overnight travel is required for case investigations, court appearances, and visiting clients housed in various correctional facilities throughout Eastern Washington. Applicants must be technologically savvy as we are a paper-light office with cases stored digitally, utilizing Outlook for calendaring deadlines/court hearings, and federal pleadings filed using CM/ECF. A trial attorney may not engage in the private practice of law. Anticipated start date as soon as possible but no later than August 1, 2021.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must possess the following license qualifications: 1) be a graduate of an accredited law school; 2) be admitted to practice before the highest court in a state (a Washington bar license is not required); 3) be eligible for admission to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington; and 4) be eligible for admission to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Applicants must possess at least three (3) years of professional experience as an attorney. Spanish fluency is strongly preferred but not required.

This office believes true excellence is achieved through collaboration between people of diverse perspectives and shared respect. We therefore ask any who share these beliefs apply for this position.

SALARY/BENEFITS: This is a full-time position. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Salary is on a scale equivalent to that of Assistant U.S. Attorneys. Benefits are provided, and salary is payable by direct deposit.

TO APPLY: Send Resume with letter of interest to include bar license state and number, a recent writing sample (10-page limit) and 3 professional references by electronic submissions in PDF format only to:

Email: wae_employment@fd.org
Subject Line: Trial Attorney-Yakima

No telephone calls: Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. The interview process will be discussed with selected applicants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2021.

Applications received after this date may be considered if position has not been filled. Current and future positions may be filled from this position announcement. Position subject to the availability of federal funding.

FDEWI is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage people of diverse backgrounds to apply.