



Indiana Federal Community Defenders

Position Announcement
Assistant Federal Defender
2255 Unit

Indiana Federal Community Defenders (IFCD), is accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Defender, a full-time attorney position in our newly formed 2255 Unit. This Unit will be responsible for representing federally death-sentenced clients in federal habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District and Circuit Courts throughout the country, as well as the United States Supreme Court.

Requirements: Candidates must be admitted to the practice of law and eligible for admission to the federal bar. The ideal candidate will have experience dealing with mentally ill persons and some capital litigation experience in direct appeal, state post-conviction or federal habeas corpus proceedings. Other related experience may be considered.

Duties: Attorneys will represent death-sentenced prisoners in proceedings brought under 18 U.S.C. § 2255 proceedings including district court, on appeal, and at the Supreme Court. Attorneys will carry a full case load and will represent clients through all stages of the habeas corpus proceeding. The successful candidate will be able to develop strong client relationships, digest large case files, and investigative materials, write fact and law intensive pleadings, and work closely with a multi-disciplinary team including paralegals, investigators, mitigation specialists, experts, and other witnesses. This position will require the ability to travel.

Selection Criteria: Successful applicants will demonstrate passion and a clear dedication to indigent defense in criminal cases. Applicants must possess extraordinary communication skills with clients, witnesses, colleagues, staff, and court appointed agency personnel. The successful candidate will be a creative thinker and a skilled collaborator.

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be based upon experience. IFCD is proud to offer a first-rate benefit package.

To Apply: Application for this position is made by sending a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and list of references to:

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You must put "2255 Unit 2019" in the subject line of your email in order to be considered. Resumes will be accepted until June 15, 2019.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

The IFCD is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.