



Indiana Federal Community Defenders

Position Announcement
Assistant Federal Defender
2255 Unit CHIEF

Indiana Federal Community Defenders (IFCD), is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Defender to be the Unit Chief in our Capital §2255 Unit. This Unit is 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 in the highest court in the state where licensed and eligible for admission to the federal bar. The ideal candidate will have experience dealing with mentally ill persons and at least five years of capital defense litigation experience in state post-conviction and/or federal habeas corpus proceedings. Prior supervisory experience is preferred. Other related experience may be considered.

Duties: The Unit Chief for the Capital § 2255 Unit will be responsible for managing the §2255 Unit and will report directly to the Executive Director. The §2255 Unit Chief will lead a team of lawyers, mitigation staff, paralegals, and others. The Capital §2255 Unit Chief will be responsible for Unit budgeting in collaboration with the Executive Director and Administrative Officer.

Selection Criteria: The successful applicant must (1) be skilled in managing the training and supervision of staff charged with the representation of death row prisoners; (2) be a talented legal writer, a proven advocate, and a creative thinker; (3) have a track record of positive results leading teams comprised of multi-disciplinary, high functioning persons. A background in any area of mental health and/or social work is strongly preferred. Some management experience is preferred. Travel is required.

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, compiled in a single PDF, in that order to:

IFCD_Applications@fd.org

You must put "2255 Unit CHIEF 2020" in the subject line of your email in order to be considered. Resumes will be accepted until filled.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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