

THE FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF MONTANA

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER

The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., the community defender organization serving the State and District of Montana, is soliciting applications for the position of **Assistant Federal Defender** at its **Missoula Branch Office**. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation, funded by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, which provides legal representation and criminal defense services to individuals charged with federal crimes who are financially unable to retain counsel. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is not an agency of the federal government; staff members are not federal employees. An 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.

Duties will include trial, appellate, and ancillary matters under the direction of the Federal Defender or his designee. The Assistant will also aid with the preparation and organization of instructional and consultation materials for and management of Criminal Justice Act panel attorneys. Considerable travel throughout the district in connection with the responsibilities of the position should be anticipated.

Qualified applicants must be admitted to and in good standing before a United States District Court, in combination with admission to and good standing in a State Bar. Admission to the bar of Montana and the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Montana, or a firm commitment to admission within a year of acceptance of the position, is mandatory. Applicants should have a demonstrated dedication to criminal defense trial work, strong research abilities, and effective written and verbal communication skills. In addition, experience in federal court and a working knowledge of the federal sentencing guidelines and of federal criminal law is strongly encouraged.

Salary is dependent on experience, qualifications, and available funding. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a drug-free work place.

Send a cover letter, résumé, and brief writing sample to:

Attorney Selection Committee
P.O. Box 3547
Great Falls, Montana 59403

Applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2008. No telephone inquiries.