

Federal Public Defender Vacancy Announcement



U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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- **Announcement #FPD-S01**
- **Location:** Columbia, S.C.
- **Appointment:** Four-Year Term/Full-time beginning January 2022
- **Salary:** \$172,500
- **Closing Date:** March 9, 2021

Fourth Circuit

The United States Court of Appeals is part of the judicial branch of the federal government. The 94 U.S. judicial districts are organized into 12 regional circuits, each of which has a United States court of appeals. A court of appeals hears appeals from the district courts located within its circuit, as well as appeals from decisions of federal administrative agencies. The Fourth Circuit encompasses the states of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

ABOUT THE JOB

The Federal Public Defender, functioning under the authority of 18 U.S.C. Section 3006A(h)(1)(A) and the Criminal Justice Act Plan of the District, provides criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. In addition, the Federal Public Defender supervises a staff of trial attorneys, investigators, and support personnel.

The Fourth Circuit prides itself on being a collegial, collaborative, and progressive organization. We are an organization that promotes creativity and innovation, believes in diversity and inclusion, recognizes excellence, and makes a difference in administering justice. In return, we are looking for strong candidates who share our vision, values, and passion.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must satisfy the following conditions: (1) be licensed to practice law in the State of South Carolina and be a member in good standing of every State Bar of which they are a member; (2) have a minimum of five years of criminal practice, preferably with significant federal criminal trial experience, which demonstrates an ability to provide zealous representation of consistently high quality to criminal defendants; (3) the ability to effectively administer the office; (4) a reputation for integrity; and (5) a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Attorneys interested in applying should complete 1) **an application** (https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/docs/pdfs/fpd_app_re.pdf) and 2) **an AO 78 form** (<https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/docs/pdfs/ao78.pdf>) and email both to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit via vacancy@ca4.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be **COMPLETED AND RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN March 9, 2021.**

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or be eligible to work in the United States and receive compensation. The final candidate will be subject to a full background and appropriate financial disclosure regulations. The Federal Public Defender may not engage in the private practice of law. Employees are required to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposits. Reimbursement for interview-related travel expenses and relocation are not provided.