

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

Western District of Michigan at Grand Rapids

Notice of Vacancy

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is soliciting applications from persons interested in appointment as Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Michigan at Grand Rapids. The authorized staff includes the Federal Public Defender, seven assistant defenders and attorney positions, and investigative and administrative support positions. The term of appointment is four years. The salary of the position of federal public defender is equal to the salary of the U.S. Attorney for the district served, currently \$158,700.

Federal Public Defenders are appointed by the United States Courts of Appeals pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(A) and regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States. In accordance with the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the Western District of Michigan, the Federal Public Defender will provide federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. The office is headquartered in Grand Rapids, with a staffed branch office in Marquette. The Court of Appeals will make the appointment in accordance with the Procedures for the Selection of Federal Public Defender Nominees adopted by the Court on November 1, 1993.

Qualifications. To be qualified for appointment as federal public defender, an applicant must possess the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) The applicant must be a member in good standing of the highest court of at least one state or the District of Columbia, and a member in good standing of every other bar of which the applicant is a member.
- (b) The applicant must have a minimum of five years criminal practice experience, preferably with significant federal criminal trial experience, which demonstrates an ability to provide zealous representation of consistently high quality to criminal defendants.
- (c) An applicant must possess the ability to effectively administer the office, demonstrated through past management experience;
- (d) An applicant must possess a reputation for integrity;
- (e) An applicant must have a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel; and
- (f) An applicant may not be related to a judge of the Court of Appeals, or to a judge of the district court in the district in which the vacancy exists by blood or marriage within the degree of first cousin.

While serving in the position, the Federal Public Defender may not engage in the private practice of law.

An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Executive, 503 Potter Stewart United States Courthouse, 100 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3988, (513) 564-7200, or from any office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan or on the internet at www.ca6.uscourts.gov. Applications must be received in the Office of the Circuit Executive **no later than September 2, 2015**.

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