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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #14-003
ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER – CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT

The Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California is now accepting applications for the position of Assistant Federal Defender for its Capital Habeas Unit in the Sacramento Office. The Capital Habeas Unit is responsible for representing California death row inmates in habeas corpus proceedings at the federal level.

Responsibilities include managing an extensive caseload with cases at various stages of litigation; reviewing, researching and drafting pleadings, briefs, and motions; conducting evidentiary hearings; reviewing and assessing the significance of extensive case files and investigative materials; developing litigation strategies; meeting with clients on California's death row, experts, witnesses, family members, and other relevant parties to gather evidence to formulate case strategies; and supervising litigation team of investigators, paralegals, and secretaries. May require working holidays, evening and weekend hours. Requires frequent travel within the United States.

All applicants must either be admitted to the California State bar or be a member in good standing of another state's bar and be willing to take the California bar examination. Applicants must have strong writing and advocacy skills, a demonstrated commitment to indigent capital defense, the ability to work in a team environment, and must possess effective organization skills including the ability to set and achieve priorities. J.D. degree and five years of attorney experience required. Five years of exclusively or primarily capital defense experience strongly preferred. Federal post-conviction litigation experience strongly preferred.

This is a full-time permanent position. Federal government benefits apply, including retirement, health, life and long-term insurances, thrift savings program and flexible spending accounts. Direct deposit of pay required. Employees of the Federal Defender are considered "at-will" employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act. Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident in the process of applying for citizenship. Selected candidate will be subject to background check as condition of employment.

To apply, send cover letter, résumé, three references, writing sample and a completed Application for Judicial Branch Employment form (AO78), http://www.cae-fpd.org/AO_78.pdf, to:

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This position is open until filled.

The Office of the Federal Defender is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

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