

# OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### Assistant Federal Public Defender Northern District of New York – Albany, NY Office

The Office of the Federal Public Defender, Northern District of New York, is accepting applications for an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Albany, NY office. **Anticipated start date for this position is December 30, 2024.** The Federal Public Defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters by appointment from the federal court. Federal Public Defender's attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law.

**Duties:** The Assistant Federal Public Defender will zealously represent clients charged with federal criminal offenses and clients involved in other matters covered under the Criminal Justice Act. The position requires travel for investigation, litigation, and training, and may involve foreign travel.

**Qualifications/Requirements:** An Assistant Federal Public Defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school; (2) licensed by the highest court of a state, federal territory, or the District of Columbia; (3) a member in good standing in all courts where admitted to practice; (4) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York by the time of entrance on duty. Applicants must possess a minimum of three years federal criminal experience, or equivalent. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation including an FBI name and fingerprint check and an IRS tax check. Applicants must be a United States citizen or authorized to work in the United States and possess a valid driver's license.

**Selection Criteria:** The successful applicant will have an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal and professional integrity. Experience in handling federal criminal cases is required. Spanish and/or other foreign language proficiency is preferred, but not required.

**Salary and Benefits:** The starting annual salary range for this position is \$80,242 - \$175,234. Starting salary will be determined based on experience and qualifications. The position is in the excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. All employees of the office are “at will”, and all positions are subject to fluctuations in workload and funding. The position offers full federal benefits, including Federal Employees Retirement System, Thrift Savings Plan, health and life insurance, annual and sick leave, and paid holidays. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Salary is payable only by electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

**How to Apply:** Qualified persons may apply by forwarding the following:

1. Letter of interest.
2. Resume with three professional references who are familiar with applicant’s legal experience.
3. Recent representative writing sample.
4. Completed AO78 Application for Judicial Employment.

Legal experience should be described in detail. Send the completed application package in a **single** pdf document to: [frank\\_faragon@fd.org](mailto:frank_faragon@fd.org) using the subject reference: **Assistant Federal Public Defender - ALB. Application deadline is October 05, 2024.**

Rolling interviews will be conducted; this position is open until filled. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. All responses will remain confidential. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**The Office of the Federal Public Defender is an equal-opportunity employer.**