

**Federal Public Defender
District of Puerto Rico
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Criminal Defense Investigator

Announcement 2012-3

The Federal Public Defender's Office has an opening for a full time Criminal Defense Investigator. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters upon appointment by the federal courts.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The applicant should have intensive investigative experience in the criminal justice field, a working knowledge of forensic procedures and possess good interviewing and report writing skills. At least five years experience in the investigation of criminal cases is required for this position and experience in the investigation of homicide cases is desirable. Other helpful skills include computer analysis, photography and evidence preservation. The ability to testify in court effectively is essential. Travel is required. This position often requires work outside the normal working hours.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate must be a college graduate possessing a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. However, advanced education is desired. This position requires considerable resourcefulness, creativity, initiative and drive and the ability to analyze and evaluate facts, evidence and related information, as well as tact and discretion. The candidate must be computer literate, familiar with a Windows environment and have experience using WordPerfect and the internet. The ability to communicate in English and Spanish is a must given the make-up of the office's client base and the federal judicial system.

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

The starting salary is commensurate with experience, qualifications and education. As an example, the entry level is Judiciary Scale (JS) 11 (\$57,408.00) with promotion potential to Judiciary Scale (JS) 14 (\$96,690.00). This position is in the "excepted service" and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position includes regular U.S. Government employment benefits, including annual leave according to years of service, sick leave, health and life insurance, and a retirement system. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). Proof of United States citizenship and other employment eligibility is required.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit resume and cover letter to:

Federal Public Defender, District of Puerto Rico
Selection Committee
241 F. D. Roosevelt Avenue, Patio Gallery Bldg.
San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-2441

Applications must be sent by U.S. Mail and postmarked no later than 30 January 2012. This position is contingent upon the availability of funds. Candidates will be subject to a background check.

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