

**Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho  
Position Announcement  
Fellowship Attorney – Temporary  
(Assistant Federal Defender)**

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is now accepting applications for a **Fellowship Attorney** position(s) in **Spokane, Washington**. This is a position for Fiscal Year 2018, with the possibility of an extension for Fiscal Year 2019. The primary practice areas will be before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, and United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. This organization litigates cases in four locations: Richland, Yakima, and Spokane, WA (all in the Eastern District of Washington); and Coeur d'Alene, ID (District of Idaho).

Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is the Community Defender Organization (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(g)(2)(B)) for the Eastern District of Washington and the Northern District of Idaho. The organization is a non-profit corporation funded by a grant from the federal government. Employees of Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho are considered “at will” and are not government employees. The organization provides defense services in federal criminal cases and related matters appointed by the court. The organization's main office is in Spokane, Washington, with a branch office in Yakima, Washington.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This is a fellowship attorney position, which means the attorney has little to no legal experience and will be learning to handle criminal cases from inception (be it pre-indictment, complaint, or indictment) to either trial or sentencing – or both. Initial case assignments will be simple (e.g., supervised release violations and petty offenses), with case assignments becoming increasingly more complex as the fellowship attorney is trained. The caseload is varied, but includes the following: 1) firearms offenses; 2) drug offenses; 3) immigration offenses; and 4) white collar offenses. And because the Spokane office is surrounded by several Indian Reservations, there are also many cases involving serious assaults (physical and sexual) and murders occurring in Indian Country.

Regular day trips and some overnight travel is required for case investigations, court appearances, and visiting clients housed in various correctional facilities throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho. A fellowship attorney may not engage in the private practice of law. Anticipated start date October/November 2017.

**REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must possess the following license qualifications: 1) be a graduate of an accredited law school; 2) be admitted to practice before the highest court in a state or who are pending admission to a bar but must be licensed by November 1, 2017 (a Washington State Bar license is not required); 3) be eligible for admission to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington; and 4) be eligible for admission to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. No legal experience necessary and no more than four (4) years of professional attorney experience.

This office believes that true excellence is achieved through collaboration between people of diverse perspective and shared respect. We ask any who are willing to give their best to our indigent clients apply for this position.

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** This is a full-time position. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Salary is on a scale equivalent to that of Assistant U.S. Attorneys if admitted to practice or as a Legal Intern pending admission. Benefits are provided, and salary is payable by direct deposit.

**TO APPLY:** Send resume with letter of interest to include bar license state and number (or pending admission's date), a recent writing sample (10-page limit) and 3 references by electronic submissions in PDF format only to:

Email: [ewa\\_employment@fd.org](mailto:ewa_employment@fd.org)

Subject Line: Fellowship Attorney - Spokane

No telephone calls: Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 15, 2017**

Applications received after this date may be considered if the position is not filled.  
More than one position may be filled from this announcement and is subject to the availability of funds.

**Interviews will be scheduled in Spokane, Washington (travel to interview is at your own expense).**

**The Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho is an equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities, LGBTQ and disabled are encouraged to apply.**