

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

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Position Announcement

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**INVESTIGATOR/MITIGATION SPECIALIST
CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT**

The Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Ohio, is accepting applications for the position of Investigator/Mitigation Specialist in the Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) to be stationed in the Columbus office. The Federal Public Defender, a branch of the U.S. Courts operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 USC 3006A, to provide defense services to indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts. The Capital Habeas Unit represents state death sentenced individuals in federal habeas and state clemency proceedings.

Duties: The Investigator/Mitigation Specialist plays an integral role in the development and work-up of both guilt phase and penalty phase issues, including, the development of mitigating evidence. The individual will be a part of a team of attorneys and investigators representing death sentenced individuals. The Investigator/ Mitigation Specialist is responsible for supporting the development of the mitigation aspect of the Unit's cases and other duties including locating and interviewing witnesses, serving subpoenas, and locating and retrieving documents and other evidence.

Requirements: Applicants must possess substantial investigative and mitigation experience, including the investigation and development of defense mitigation presentations in capital trials or post-conviction cases. Those without demonstrated mitigation experience will be considered if the applicant possesses experience with mental health or social work issues, or with the preparation of trial in complex matters within the federal courts. Knowledge of federal and state court systems and familiarity with federal habeas corpus or other post-conviction litigation and/or complex federal civil or criminal litigation would be an asset. Candidates must possess excellent oral and written communication skills, interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with others in a team-based approach. Must possess a valid driver's license, insurance and own/operate a personal vehicle for business purposes. Ability to engage in significant travel is required.

Salary and Benefits: Starting salary will be commensurate with the experience and qualifications of the applicant. This position is excepted service and does not carry the tenure rights of the competitive Civil Service. The position does offer federal government employment benefits including health and life insurance, retirement and the Thrift Savings Plan. Salary is payable only by Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit).

Conditions of Employment: All application information is subject to verification. Appointment to the position is contingent upon a background investigation including an FBI fingerprint check. Employees of the Federal Defender are members of the judicial branch of government; they are considered 'at will' and can be terminated with or without cause.

Application Information: Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest, current detailed resume and references in **PDF format** to OHS_employment@fd.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with priority given to applications received before August 1.

The Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Ohio is an equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The FDO provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case by case basis. One or more applicants may be selected from this posting. This position is subject to the availability of funds.