

## **POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit is accepting applications for the position of Federal Public Defender for the Districts of North and South Dakota now headquartered in Rapid City, with staffed branch offices in Pierre and Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Bismarck and Fargo, North Dakota. The term of appointment is four years; annual salary at an amount not to exceed the salary of the U.S. Attorney for the district, currently \$153,200. Must be willing to travel to all staff branch offices often in North and South Dakota. The Federal Public Defender provides federal criminal defense services to individuals unable to afford counsel. An applicant must be/have: (1) admitted to practice before the highest court of at least one state; (2) a member in good standing of every other state bar of which he/she is a member; (3) a minimum of five years' criminal practice, preferably with significant criminal trial experience; (4) administrative expertise; (5) reputation for integrity; and (6) a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel. Federal Public Defenders may not engage in the private practice of law and are subject to judiciary financial disclosure requirements.

Application forms may be obtained on line or in hard copy from the offices of the district court clerk in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Pierre, South Dakota, and Bismarck and Fargo, North Dakota, and from the Circuit Executive's Office in St. Louis, Missouri by e-mail at [CE8employment@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:CE8employment@ca8.uscourts.gov) or by phone 314-244-2600. Please forward ten copies of the completed application to the Office of the Circuit Executive, 111 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 26.325, St. Louis, MO 63102, prior to October 1, 2009.

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