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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
LEGAL INTERN

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is accepting applications for a Legal Intern in our Bismarck, Fargo, Pierre, Rapid City, and Sioux Falls branch offices. Remote part-time work is also a possibility. Our office provides high-quality representation to people charged with federal crimes who cannot afford to hire an attorney. The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Position Description: Legal Interns work closely with staff attorneys to provide research and writing services. They assist attorneys in trial preparation prior to and at trial, interview clients and witnesses with attorneys or investigators, assist in researching trial, evidentiary, and appellate issues, prepare legal and factual memoranda, and review and summarize discovery. Above all, we are looking for applicants who are committed to representing indigent accused persons and who maintain a reputation for personal and professional integrity.

Qualifications: A Legal Intern must be a current law student who has not yet been admitted to the bar of any jurisdiction. This is not a full-time permanent position, it is a temporary, part-time internship that lasts approximately 10-12 weeks; January – May 2027. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation which includes a fingerprint check.

Salary/Benefits: Starting salary commensurate with experience and qualifications, within a range from JSP-5, Step 1, to JSP-9, Step 1, currently yielding $40,736 to $61,722 per year. Because this is a temporary position, standard federal benefits do not apply.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit a **letter of interest, résumé, and three references**, combined into a single PDF to **SDX_JOBS@fd.org** using the subject line "**Legal Intern Announcement 26-13**". Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. More than one position may be filled from this job announcement.

The Federal Public Defender for the Districts of South Dakota and North Dakota is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities encouraged to apply.

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