

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  
Capital Habeas Investigator**

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The Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Tennessee, Capital Habeas Unit, is accepting applications for the position of Investigator. The Unit represents death-sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus litigation proceedings in the Middle and Western Districts of Tennessee. This position is located in Nashville, but significant travel in and around Memphis, TN is involved.

**POSITION OVERVIEW AND QUALIFICATIONS**

We seek an energetic and thoughtful investigator. Strong interviewing, document control, computer and writing skills are required. Significant travel is required. This salaried position requires some night and weekend work. The FPD Capital Habeas Unit is team-oriented, client-centered, and values diversity.

The capital habeas investigator should have a commitment to high-quality representation in the defense of indigent death-sentenced prisoners; expertise at interviewing; knowledge of available databases for locating witnesses; familiarity with public records and legal tools like open records acts and the Freedom of Information Act; and a methodology for comprehensive background investigation of all witnesses, especially experts. Additionally, the capital habeas investigator should have a familiarity with social history investigation, the ability to identify mitigation themes, and an understanding of mental and medical health issues which impact our clients. All levels of experience will be considered for this position. The FPD is willing to train an applicant with demonstrated potential.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

**SALARY AND BENEFITS**

This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Employees of the Federal Public Defender are members of the judicial branch of the United States Government. They are considered at-will employees and are not covered by the Civil Service Reform Act.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

This position is subject to funding approval. Qualified persons may apply by forwarding a letter of interest (including a statement of reasons for applying), list of references, résumé with experience described in detail and writing sample to:

Deborah Hampton  
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Middle District of Tennessee  
810 Broadway, Suite 200  
Nashville, TN 37203  
Fax (615) 736-5265

**Application Deadline: November 19, 2018  
NO TELEPHONE INQUIRIES OR E-MAIL**

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