

**FEDERAL
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OF
SAN DIEGO,
INC.**

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EL CENTRO STAFF ATTORNEY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The El Centro branch office of Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. is looking for a staff attorney. The primary duties of the staff attorneys in El Centro are to represent indigent persons accused of federal crimes at their preliminary court appearances. Staff attorneys interview clients prior to their first appearances, make sure that an attorney is assigned, fight for bail and conduct detention hearings. For clients that are assigned to Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. for the remainder of their cases, the El Centro staff attorneys act as the primary counsel while the clients are in El Centro (e.g. staff attorneys will review discovery, convey offers, represent clients at their preliminary hearings, arraignments on indictment, waivers of indictment, etc.). Our El Centro staff attorneys represent clients charged with illegal re-entry after deportation during both the El Centro and San Diego phases of their cases. They also handle identity and removal hearings occurring in the Imperial Valley.

While not a trial attorney position, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. offers all new attorneys extensive training in federal criminal procedure and practice. Training of new attorneys -- and on-going training of more senior attorneys -- occurs in San Diego and our El Centro staff attorneys travel to San Diego to attend such training. Applicants for this position must be members, in good standing, of the State of California bar. Additionally, applicants should possess superior organizational, time management, and communication skills. Spanish language fluency is preferred.

METHOD FOR APPLYING

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, detailed resume, and writing sample to:

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Attn: Erica K. Zunkel
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Or e-mail a cover letter, detailed resume, and writing sample to:

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No phone calls please.

Open until filled.

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