

OPENING: Experienced Attorney. U.S. Attorney's Office - N.D. Alabama (Birmingham)

Job Description:

The Northern District of Alabama is currently seeking one attorney for an Assistant United States Attorney opening. Selected AUSA may be assigned to either the Appellate Division and/or the Criminal Division.

APPELLATE DIVISION

The Appellate and Legal Advice Division is responsible for supervising the office's appeals in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The responsibilities of the Appellate Division include writing briefs and presenting arguments in the circuit court of appeal, assisting other AUSAs in drafting and editing briefs, and conducting moot courts and otherwise preparing AUSAs for oral arguments.

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Attorneys in this division will prosecute all manner of federal crimes, including bank robbery, carjacking, human trafficking and hate crimes violations, immigration offenses, firearms violations, terrorism violations, mail and wire fraud, public corruption, financial institution fraud, tax violations, child pornography, and identity theft. The Division also includes the Narcotics and Organized Crime Drug Task Force which prosecutes the highest level drug-trafficking organizations operating within the United States, importing drugs into the United States, or laundering the proceeds of drug trafficking.

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a 14 month (temporary) basis pending favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory preemployment adjudication. This includes fingerprint, credit and tax checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1 year post-J.D. experience. Applicants are required to be a member of the Alabama Bar or willing to become a member within the first 24 months of employment. The person selected for this position must be fully and

exclusively invested in the Northern District of Alabama.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants with at least 3 years post-J.D. drug prosecution and wiretap experience and who possess federal or state criminal trial experience, although applicants with a variety of litigation backgrounds that demonstrate analytical ability, judgment, and advocacy skills will also be considered. Applicants must possess a strong academic background, superior legal writing and research ability, and a commitment to professionalism, ethics, civility, and public service. Finally, applicants must possess the ability to manage large, complex investigations and prosecutions.

United States citizenship is required.

Salary:

Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$51,403 to \$151,660 which includes 14.16% locality pay.

Travel:

Occasional travel, both within and outside the District, may be required.

Application Process:

All resumes, cover letters and writing samples should be mailed to:

Human Resources United States Attorney's Office 1801 Fourth Avenue
North Birmingham, Alabama 35203

No telephone calls please.

Resumes must be postmarked by the closing date of this announcement, 08/27/2014. Resumes and cover letters should include the vacancy announcement number shown at the top of this announcement (14-NDAL-07).

Application Deadline: Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses will not be paid.

Number of Positions: One (1)

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Department Policies

Equal Employment Opportunity: The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color,

race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any other non-merit factor. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice.

Reasonable Accommodations: This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Outreach and Recruitment for Qualified Applicants with Disabilities: The Department encourages qualified applicants with disabilities, including individuals with targeted/severe disabilities to apply in response to posted vacancy announcements. Qualified applicants with targeted/severe disabilities may be eligible for direct hire, non-competitive appointment under Schedule A (5 C.F.R. § 213.3102(u)) hiring authority. Individuals with targeted/severe disabilities are encouraged to register for the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Shared List of People with Disabilities (the Bender Disability Employment Registry) by submitting their resume to resume@benderconsult.com

Email links icon

and referencing "Federal Career Opportunities" in the subject line. Additional information about the Bender Registry is available at www.benderconsult.com [external link]. Individuals with disabilities may also contact one of the Department's Disability Points of Contact (DPOC). See list of [DPOCs](#).

Suitability and Citizenship: It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. Citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. Citizens are extremely rare; such appointments

would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Veterans: There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions. Although the "point" system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-point preferences and the required supporting document(s). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of nonservice-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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