

**APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF
FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
for the
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

Instructions for Applying

- Complete the entire application form. Please remember to sign the form where indicated before submitting your application.
- The application form is fillable using Adobe Acrobat. A reader application can be used to open and print the form.
- Space is provided to continue lengthy answers on extra pages at the end of the form. You may copy the format to add more pages if you need more space than what is provided on the additional pages.
- A cover letter is required.
- Letters of recommendation and other supporting materials are not required, but will be accepted with the application.
- The completed and signed form may be submitted either via email or as a hard copy. The address for sending a hardcopy of the application is:

David Tighe
Office of the Circuit Executive
Byron White U.S. Courthouse
1823 Stout Street
Denver, CO 80257

Email applications may be sent to: hr@ca10.uscourts.gov.

- All application materials sent via email must be in a portable document file (pdf) format.
- Applications are due by midnight on the deadline listed in the job posting.
- Any questions about the application or the recruitment process should be directed to the Office of the Circuit Executive at 303-335-2067.

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Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed to answer the questions.

Please indicate in the body of your answer if it is continued on a later page.

General

1. **Full Name:**
2. **All other names by which you have been known:**
3. **Present Occupation:** **Title:**
4. **Office Address:**

 City: **State:**

 Zip: **Telephone:**
5. **Residential Address:**

 City: **State:**

 Zip: **Telephone:**
6. **Preferred email address:**
7. **Place of Birth:**
8. **In what countries do you hold citizenship?**
9. **Colleges and universities attended, dates, degrees, and class standing (if known):**

10. Law School attended, dates, degree, and class standing (if known):

11. Military Service:

Branch

Dates

Rank or Rate at Discharge:

If still a Reserve or National Guard member, give service, branch, unit, and present rank:

12. Are you related by blood or marriage to a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, or of the United States District Court for this district?

Yes

No

If so, give their names and the relationship.

Name

Relationship

Honors

13. Were you a member of a law review editorial board?

Yes

No

14. List any legal books or articles written by you, giving citations and dates.

15. List any honors, prizes, or awards you have received.

16. List continuing legal education courses completed within the last five years.

Professional Admissions

17. List all courts (including state bar admissions) and administrative bodies having special admission requirements in which you are presently admitted to practice, giving the dates of admission in each case.

Court of Administrative Body

Date of Admission

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Law Practice

18. Have you been engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years? Yes
No
19. State the name, dates, and addresses of all law firms or practices with which you have been associated and of all governmental agencies or private business organizations in which you have been employed.

Position (Most recent first)

Firm/Organization Address

Dates

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20. Describe the general nature of your current practice, including any legal specialties which you possess and the character of your typical clients. Additionally, if your practice is substantially different now than previously, please give details of prior practice.

21. a) Do you regularly appear in court? Yes No

b) What percentage of your court appearances in the last five years were in the following forums:

Federal, District and Appeals Courts?	%
Bankruptcy Courts?	%
State or Local Courts of Record?	%
Administrative Bodies?	%
Other?	%

22. During the past five years, what percentage of your practice has been trial practice?
%

How frequently have you appeared in court? times per month.

How frequently have you appeared at administrative hearings? times per month.

What percentage of your practice involving litigation has been in each of the following areas:

Criminal?	%
Civil?	%
Bankruptcy?	%
	%
	%
	%

State the number of cases you have tried to conclusion in courts of record during each of the past five years, indicating whether you were sole, associate, or chief counsel. Give citations of any reported cases.

23. Summarize your courtroom experience for the past five years:

24. State the names and addresses of adversary counsel against whom you have litigated your primary cases over the past five years.

Public Office

25. Have you ever run for, or held, public office? If so, give details.

Prior Judicial Experience

26. a) Have you ever held judicial office or been a candidate for judicial office? If so, please state the courts involved and the dates of service or dates of candidacy.

b) Prior quasi-judicial service (include agency, position held, issues heard, number of cases adjudicated and dates of service).

Business Involvement

27. a) **If you are now an officer, director or otherwise engaged in the management of any business or enterprise, state the name of such enterprise, the nature of the business, the nature of your duties, and whether you intend to resign such position immediately upon your appointment as Federal Public Defender.**
- b) **Since being admitted to the bar, have you ever engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law? If so, please give the details, including dates.**
- c) **State whether during the past five years you have received any fees or compensation of any kind, other than for legal services rendered, from any business enterprise, institution, organization, or association of any kind. If so, identify the source of such compensation, the nature of the business enterprise, institution, organization, or association involved, and the dates such compensation was paid.**
- d) **List all positions (business and legal) in which you were required to administer an office or had significant administrative responsibilities. Give details including dates.**

Disciplinary Proceedings/Offenses

- 28. Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please give details. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed unless it also included a jail sentence.**
- 29. a) Have you ever been sued by a client? If so, give particulars.**
- b) Have you or your professional liability insurance carrier ever settled a claim against you for professional malpractice? If so, please give particulars, including the amounts involved.**

30. Have you ever been charged in any civil or criminal proceeding with conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and or unethical conduct? If so, please give particulars, including the full style of the cause.

31. Have you ever been disciplined for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, or other professional group? If so, please give particulars.

Taxes

32. To the best of your knowledge, are you in compliance with the tax laws of the federal government and of the state, county, and community of which you are a resident?

Yes No

33. Have you filed appropriate tax returns as required by federal, state, local, and other government authorities?

Yes No If no, please explain.

- 34. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? If so, give particulars.**

Professional and Other Activities

- 35. a) List all bar associations and legal or other professional societies of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any office you have held in such groups and committees to which you belonged.**

- b) List all organizations and clubs, other than bar associations and professional societies identified in response to Question No. 35a, of which you have been a member during the past ten years, including the titles and dates of any offices you have held in each.**

- 36. Describe any civic, philanthropic, community, social, or public service activities during the past five years, including any posts or offices held and honors or awards received.**

Supplemental Information

- 37. Do any clubs or private associations to which you belong have a discrimination clause or have a history of barring membership to women or minorities?**
- 38. State any achievements or actions you have accomplished, demonstrating your commitment to equal justice under the law.**
- 39. State any additional education or other experiences you believe would assist you in holding the office of Federal Public Defender.**

- 40. State any other pertinent information reflecting positively or adversely on you which you believe should be disclosed to the court of appeals and the selection panel in connection with your possible selection and appointment as Federal Public Defender.**

Personal and Judicial References

41. a) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least six, but no more than ten, persons (of whom not fewer than two must be lawyers not associated with you in the practice of law or in business) to whom we may refer as to your character and ability, and state how long each has known you. Your references must have had adequate opportunities for observing your professional and general conduct and ability. Describe the status of non-law references.

Name	Telephone	Period of Acquaintance
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- b) Give the names and current phone numbers of at least three persons who have worked for you and with you in a subordinate position.

Name	Telephone	Work Relationship
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c) Give the names and current phone numbers of not more than five judges (of whom at least three must be active) with whom you are not and have not been associated in practice of law or in business, before whom you have appeared recently in matters which would afford them an opportunity to observe your professional conduct and ability.

Name of Judge	Telephone
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:

Date _____

Signature of Candidate _____

Confidentiality Statement

This form and its contents will be kept in confidence and made available only to the Circuit Executive, the Merit Selection Panel, and judges of the Court of Appeals. The individuals whom you have listed as references above, as well as your employer or coworkers, may be contacted by the panel. If this presents a problem, you should notify the Circuit Executive so that special arrangements can be made. You may request that there be no contact with an employer or co-workers unless and until you are a potential finalist for the position.

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