



UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Vacancy Announcement No. 16-13

Opening Date: August 1, 2016

Closing Date: August 22, 2016

Position: **SUPERVISING U.S. PROBATION OFFICER**

Position Location: Western District of New York – Buffalo

Salary Range: Classification Level 29-30

CL 29 \$69,286-\$112,643

CL 30 \$81,872-\$133,113

(Promotion potential to Classification Level 30 without further competition if appointed at lower level)

Starting Date: November 28, 2016

The U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office for the Western District of New York encompasses 17 counties and consists of two offices. There are two district court judges, five senior judges, and seven full-time magistrate judges. The probation office is headquartered in Buffalo and has one division office in Rochester. The vacant position is available in the **Buffalo** office. The selected candidate will oversee the **Post-Sentence Supervision Unit**.

Present workload includes supervision of probationers, supervised releasees, parolees, military parolees, pretrial defendants and pretrial diversion cases and the preparation of presentence investigations and all other types of investigations (including bail and pretrial diversion) for the court.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

A Supervising U.S. Probation Officer performs duties and responsibilities such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Assigns and schedules all investigative and case supervision work to probation officers in the unit.
- Reviews and evaluates all investigative and supervision work in the unit to include evaluating reports, case records, and correspondence to ensure service delivery and adherence to existing policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Confers regularly with probation officers; provides direction and assistance toward improving investigative, supervision and writing skills. Assists officers in meeting the needs of offenders with complex problems and circumstances; provides leadership in the development of sentencing alternatives, utilization of community resources, and application of professionally sound case management principles.
- Determines the adjustment of offenders under supervision in consultation with the assigned probation officer; assists in decision making for recommendations for termination or modification of supervision, and release revocation.
- Assures continuing staff development by planning and implementing orientation and in-service training, holding individual staff conferences, and increasing levels of responsibility in assignments.
- Assumes responsibility for case handling of emergency situations.
- Conducts unit staff meetings to identify performance and operational problems, and to develop appropriate solutions.
- Evaluates the performance and professional development of probation officers in the unit on a systematic and regular basis.
- Responsible for staff relationships and morale within the unit, encouraging loyalty and enthusiasm; maintains a supportive atmosphere for staff utilization of management personnel and resources.
- Serves as a major communication catalyst and link between line staff and the administration, assuring implementation of administrative direction while concurrently providing information to the Chief Probation Officer for future administrative action.
- Participates with the Chief Probation Officer and other administrative staff toward the development of programs and policies to increase the effectiveness of the office.
- Develops understanding and cooperative relationships with other law enforcement and community service agencies.

- Supervises field travel to include review and approval of all travel vouchers of probation officers within the unit.
- Maintains the Leave Tracking Program for staff in the unit. Manages employee leave requests and time sheet submission to ensure compliance with time and attendance policies and procedures.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a field of academic study, such as criminal justice, criminology, psychology, sociology, human relations, or business or public administration, which provides evidence of the capacity to understand and apply the legal requirements and human relations skills involved in the position. In addition to the educational requirement, applicants must have three years specialized experience, including at least one year as a CL 28 probation/pretrial services officer in the U.S. Courts to qualify for placement at the CL 29 level; or at least three years specialized experience, including at least one year as a CL 29 probation/pretrial services officer in the U.S. Courts to qualify for placement at the CL 30 level. An evaluation of quality of experience may provide placement at salary levels above Step 1 up to and including Step 25 of CL 29 or CL 30 if the selectee possesses more than one year of specialized experience at or equivalent to the next lower level below the position for which the applicant is being considered.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:

Progressively responsible administrative, technical, professional, supervisory or managerial experience that provided an opportunity to gain (a) skill in dealing with others in person-to-person work relationships, (b) the ability to exercise mature judgment, and (c) a knowledge of the basic concepts, principles, and theories of management and the ability to understand the managerial policies applicable to the judiciary unit involved.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, DRUG SCREENING AND MEDICAL STANDARDS:

The selectee will be subject to ongoing random drug screening, updated background investigations every five years and may be subject to subsequent fitness-for-duty evaluations as deemed necessary by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer for reasonable cause at any time. Employees are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees which is available for review upon request.

QUALITY RANKING FACTOR:

Please discuss the role of a supervisor and describe three fundamental aspects of leadership. Additionally, specifically discuss the role of a supervisor during periods of change and in supporting district initiatives and programs.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Individuals interested in being considered for the position are invited to submit a written memorandum of interest accompanied by an updated resume and the narrative statement to Lisa M. Janca, Human Resources Technician, Lisa.Janca@nywp.uscourts.gov, by the close of business on August 22, 2016.

Job description and additional information can be located on our website at www.nywp.uscourts.gov.

Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. The position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit) for salary payment.

The U.S. Probation Office has the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, withdraw the announcement or fill the position at any time before the closing date, any of which may occur without prior notice.

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