
FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland provides representation to any person financially unable to obtain adequate representation in actions within the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Representation includes counsel and investigative, expert and other services necessary for an adequate defense.

The Federal Public Defender, Deputy Federal Public Defender, and eight staff attorneys known as Assistant Federal Public Defenders handle caseloads composed of federal misdemeanors, felonies, parole and probation violations, habeas corpus, grand jury representation, direct appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and petitions for a writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland was created in 1974 according to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 (18 U.S.C., sec. 3006A). That Act allows a District Court to establish a defender organization in a district in which at least two hundred persons annually require the appointment of counsel.

The Maryland Federal Public Defender is appointed to a four-year term by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, after consideration of recommendations made by the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. The Federal Public Defender appoints as many attorneys as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit approves and other personnel as approved by the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Annually, a report covering activities, financial position, and proposed budget is submitted by the Maryland Federal Public Defender to the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.