



U. S. PROBATION OFFICE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

About Us

The United States Probation and Pretrial Services System falls under the umbrella of the Judicial Branch. In 1790, Congress established the District of North Carolina, which in 1872, was divided into the Eastern and Western Districts. Then in 1927, North Carolina was further divided into three districts, i.e., Eastern, Middle and Western, which are a part of the 94 federal district courts in the nation.

The Probation Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina is comprised of 44 counties bordering the Atlantic Ocean and the states of Virginia and South Carolina. The office headquarters is located in Raleigh, with field offices located in Fayetteville, Greenville, Jacksonville, New Bern and Wilmington. The chief probation officer is appointed by the Court, with a staff of probation officers, administrative, automation, and clerical support personnel.

In March 2004, the district's Pretrial Services was merged with the U.S. Probation Office into one agency by the direction of the court. It was at this time the three functions, pretrial, presentence and supervision, were combined into two units: court services and supervision.



What We Do

Within the agency, the Court Services Unit is responsible for verifying reliable defendant data necessary to make informed release or detention decisions, reducing unnecessary detentions, providing alternatives to detention, and preparing reports on defendants to be sentenced by the Court. The report contains factual information concerning the offense, the defendant's criminal history, and the defendant's personal history. It identifies any personal issues that may not be in the Bill of Indictment or police reports and gives the judge a more personal view of the defendant. Using the Sentencing Guidelines, the probation officer submits a sentencing recommendation to the Court, outlining a range in which the defendant should be sentenced, absent extenuating circumstances. The recommendation also addresses any special needs of the defendant.

The Supervision Services Unit of the probation office is responsible for supervising defendants released from custody to pretrial, probation, supervised release, parole, military parole, and conditional release. In addition to supervising defendants to insure that they abide by the terms and conditions of supervision, officers monitor potential risks to the community and provide counseling and assistance in working out family problems, obtaining employment, and other services as needed so that judicial resources can be reserved for more serious offenses.

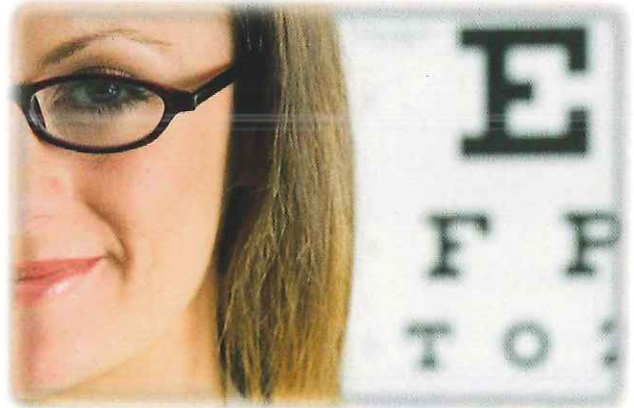
Mission Statement

As an integral component of the Federal Court System, the United States Probation Office serves the court and community by providing quality investigative and supervision services to assist in the protection of the public and the administration of justice.

Great Benefits

The U.S. Probation Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina proudly offers an extensive benefits package to include:

- Comprehensive Medical, Dental and Vision Plans
- Federal Employee Retirement System and Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401K) with Matching Contributions
- Continuing Education Opportunities
- Employee Assistance Program
- Alternative Work Schedules and Telework
- Generous Vacation and Sick Leave



Join Our Team



Diversity is important to the Eastern District of North Carolina because it is an essential component in the services that the Judiciary is charged with providing to maintain justice, equality, fairness, respect, and dignity in society. In order for the agency to fulfill its duties, it must include all members of society—not just regardless, but also inclusive of race, gender, disability, and the many other variables that make up the citizens of our nation.

Make a difference in your career: Consider joining the U.S. Probation Office. We are seeking a diverse group of people with an interest in the important work of ensuring equal justice under law.

Career Possibilities: Probation Officers, Probation Clerical Support, Human Resources, Information Technology, Financial Specialist and more!



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