

Scott Cruse is a finalist the Chief Administrator position with the Office of the Public Defender. Mr. Cruse has worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation since 1987. He is currently the Special Agent-In-Charge of the Oklahoma City Division. Previous positions include Legal Attaché as the FBI Director's personal representative to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland; Legal Attaché as the FBI Director's personal representative to Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific; Deputy Director of the US Government's Terrorist Screening Center (TSC); and Supervisory Special Agent as the Program Manager for the FBI's Indian Country Program. Mr. Cruse's FBI career also includes time in Montana as the Assistant Special Agent-In-Charge and as the Western Montana Squad Supervisor for the Salt Lake City Division.

Mr. Cruse served as a Platoon Commander in the United States Marine Corps before joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Cruse holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Louisiana Tech University and a Professional Certificate in Change Management from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Change Management.

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Office of the Public Defender
139 North Last Chance Gulch
Helena, Montana

Dear Lisa Coligan,

I understand that you are conducting a search for a new Chief Administrator for Montana's Office of the Public Defender. My background and experience as the senior executive over a state-wide law enforcement mission with the Federal Bureau of Investigation meet all of the criteria for this position.

As my resume indicates, I have more than 28 years of progressive experience in the FBI. More than half of my FBI career was in assignments in Montana and I only left the state to pursue promotional opportunities. I still maintain a home in Helena and this year I intend to retire from the FBI and return to the state. My extensive contacts within the justice community of Montana would be a great asset in this position.

In my current role as the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Division of the FBI, I manage all aspects of a multi-site organization that has more than 300 special agents, task force officers, and administrative support personnel. This role and others in the FBI have afforded me extensive experience in managing large and complex government organizations with significant public relations responsibilities. The most important aspect of my role as a senior FBI executive has been to build and maintain strong working relationships with other law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges. Relationship building has always been one of my strongest suits which is why the FBI Director selected me to serve as his personal representative in two top diplomatic assignments at U.S. Embassies overseas.

Managing politically sensitive and controversial issues has been a major function in my role as an FBI executive. I have adeptly handled countless situations with the public and political leaders which would have negatively impacted the reputation of my organization and the people I represent. It goes without saying, that after 28 years of law enforcement experience I have a very strong understanding of the legal system and trial process. Although I have been on the side of law enforcement for my entire my career, it is justice that I seek, so I strongly believe in defending the rights of the accused, especially the indigent.

When I saw this posting, I knew this job was for me. I am ready for a change, so please contact me. After speaking with me, I believe that you will agree that I am the right person for this role. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the next steps in this process.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Cruse