2020 Law Clerk Program

Types of Clerkships Offered:
- Summer
- Fall/Fall Post Bar
- Spring/Spring Post Bar

**Dates of Summer Program:**
- 10 Weeks
- Early June to Early August
- Apply: 2Ls: October 15 to March 1
  1Ls: Early December to March 1
- Hours: 40 per week

**Dates of Fall/Fall Post Bar Programs:**
- 16 Weeks
- Mid-August to early December
- Apply: September 1 to March 30
- Fall Hours: 16 per week
- Fall Post Bar Hours: 40 per week

**Dates of Spring Program:**
- 16 Weeks
- Early January to Late April
- Apply: August 15 to December 1
- Hours: 16 per week

**Dates of Spring Post Bar Program:**
- Early March to Mid-May
- Apply: August 15 to December 1
- Hours: 40 per week

**Application Materials:**
- (1) Resume
- (2) Cover Letter

Law Clerks may be exposed to misdemeanor, felony, juvenile and appellate law practice.

Law Clerks are not allowed to appear on the record. However, they are permitted to attend court proceedings and to assist attorneys during trial.

All Los Angeles County Public Defender Law Clerks are unpaid volunteers.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Los Angeles County Public Defender Law Clerk Program introduces select students to the operations of the Office, the court system and related agencies in the criminal justice system. Law Clerks are mentored by experienced criminal defense attorneys who provide them with a real life, educational experience.

Law Clerks assist Deputy Public Defenders with a wide range of projects. Law Clerks are given the opportunity to observe and participate in client interviews, case strategy meetings and court proceedings. Law Clerks may complete research and writing projects, including briefs, investigation requests and motions to be filed in court. They may also accompany the attorneys to jail interviews and attend public defender training sessions.

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