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LAW OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER



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: August 1 until filled

1Ls: December 1 until filled

Hours: 40 per week

Dates of Fall/Fall Post Bar Programs

16 Weeks

Mid-August to early December

Apply: August 1 until filled

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 1 until December 1

Hours: 16 per week

Dates of Spring Post Bar Program

Early March to mid-May

Apply: August 1 until filled

Hours: 40 per week

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.

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

Post Bar Law Clerks may obtain certification from the state bar and appear on the record in limited circumstances under the supervision of an experienced attorney.

Application Materials

(1) Resume (2) Cover Letter

Qualified candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Please submit all materials to Jac'queline Baskerville.

Contact:

Jac'queline L. Baskerville

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