Summer Law Clerk Positions

The Alameda County Public Defender’s Office offers law students the opportunity to gain the traditional experience in research and writing, as well as practical “hands on” experience of assisting Public Defenders in court. In general, law clerks perform legal research and writing, conduct client intake interviews, litigate motions, conduct evidentiary hearings and assist attorneys in case preparation for trial or disposition. All law clerk work is done under the supervision of a senior Public Defender attorney. Law students who are exploring a career in criminal defense work will find their experiences with the Alameda County Public Defender an invaluable step in their career development.

All law students seeking a position must have completed courses in Criminal Procedure and Evidence and must be eligible for certification under the Rules Governing the Practical Training of Law Students by the State Bar of California. Applications are accepted continuously, however the bulk are received during On Campus Interviews in the fall. All inquiries should be directed to: Alameda County Public Defender Recruitment Officer. Please include a cover letter, resume and writing sample.

Post-Bar Legal Assistant

Post-Bar Legal Assistants perform legal research and writing, conduct client intake interviews, litigate motions, conduct evidentiary hearings and assist attorneys in case preparation for trial or disposition. All legal assistants are compensated and must be certified under the Rules Governing the Practical Training of Law Students by the State Bar of California or admitted to the State Bar. Applications for post-bar legal assistants are accepted during On Campus Interviews and from July to December. All inquiries should be directed to: Alameda County Public Defender Recruitment Officer. Please include a cover letter, resume and writing sample.
Entry Level Attorney Positions

Appointments to all vacant Associate Deputy Public Defender positions are made by the Public Defender from a civil service hiring list prepared after an examination coordinated by the Alameda County Personnel Department. The Personnel Department receives applications during an open period of 26 days. Applications for Associate Deputy Public Defender are generally accepted once a year, from mid-November to mid-December following the summer bar exam results.

All Associate Deputy Public Defenders initially work in a branch office where they are assigned cases of increasing difficulty. By the end of the third year most lawyers are assigned their first felony jury trial case load. After demonstrating proficiency in the trial of felony cases, Associate Deputy Public Defenders are promoted to the position of Deputy Public Defender. The Office provides ongoing in-house training for all attorneys; the Alameda County Public Defender is approved as a provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) by the State Bar of California.

ALPINE COUNTY

Thomas Kolpacoff
2241 James Avenue, Suite 4 S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 Ph: (530) 544-7722
Fax: (530) 544-7201 www.alpinecountyca.gov

This county contracts out its public defender work. Note that Markleeville is the county seat. Interested students and graduates should contact Thomas Kolpacoff to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

AMADOR COUNTY

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Richard Cotta Richard A. Ciummo & Associates
205 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642
Ph: (209) 223-0877
Fax: (209) 223-0831

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact the above office to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

BUTTE COUNTY

Philip Heithecker, Public Defender Services Executive Director
2261 St. George Lane, Suite G
This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact Philip Heithecker to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

**CALAVERAS COUNTY**

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Allison Kaylor
Richard A. Ciummo & Associates
P.O. Box 725
San Andreas, CA 95249

Ph: (209) 754-4321
Fax: (209) 754-4143

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact the Administrative Office at 123 E. Fourth Street, Madera, CA 93638, to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

**COLUSA COUNTY**

Albert Smith
200 6th Street
Colusa, CA 95932-1346
Ph: (530) 458-8801 http://www.colusa.courts.ca.gov/

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact Albert Smith to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Robin Lipetzky

Central/East Branch
800 Ferry Street
Martinez, CA 94553
Ph: (925) 335-8000
Law Student Program

The office hires up to 20 summer law clerks. They do hire 1L students. The certified law clerks may have opportunities to argue motions in court under the supervision of an attorney. Summer law clerks work with attorneys on their cases by interviewing clients, research and writing of pretrial motions, assisting attorneys in trial, or doing a myriad of other research tasks.

Students must be eligible for work-study funding from UC Berkeley, UC Hastings, UC Davis, Golden Gate or USF law schools with which they have work-study contracts. Some students also work as volunteers or receive grants from their law schools to work in the office. They also accept interns during the school year for academic credit. Additional information on summer and school year interns is available on the office website.

The office accepts applications beginning in October and completes hiring in March. Inquiries should be directed to Susan Hutcher, Chief Assistant Public Defender at shutc@pd.co.contra-cost.ca.us.

Post-Graduate Law Clerk

The office hires a small number of graduate law clerks. They assist attorneys with legal research, client interviews, and other tasks. These positions are for one year terms that start after the Bar exam. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Inquiries should be directed to Susan Hutcher, Chief Assistant Public Defender at shutc@pd.co.contra-cost.ca.us.

Attorney Positions

Representation is vertical: attorneys handle their own cases from beginning to end. Entry-level attorneys rotate among office locations and geographical areas of the county so that experience can be gained working in all courts. According to their office, they consistently rank at the top of the state in terms of the number of cases that proceed to jury trial, so entry-level attorneys can quickly gain trial experience at the misdemeanor and felony level. Check the Employment Opportunities section of the office website for additional details.

Attorney applications are accepted at any time. As part of the application process, you will be asked if you will consider temporary employment (non-civil service) as well as permanent employment. Even if you
have worked in the office as a clerk or temporary attorney (see below) you must go through the civil
service hiring procedure.

Attorney positions are listed as openings occur. Apply through the county’s Human Resources
Department: http://www.co.contra-cost.ca.us/depart/hr/default.htm. California Bar membership
required. County application and civil service exam required. 24-Hour Job Hotline is (925) 335-1700.
Additional information on attorney positions is available on the office website. Requests for county
applications or further information can be directed to David Coleman, Public Defender at
d cole@pd.co.contra-costa.ca.us or Donna Broussard, Administrative Services Assistant at
dbrou@pd.co.contra-costa.ca.us.

Temporary Attorneys

Occasionally, temporary attorneys are hired in three month increments. California Bar membership
required. There is no guarantee of permanent employment, but it is a way to get experience and enhance
credentials. Inquiries, cover letters and resumes should be directed to David Coleman, Public Defender at
dcole@pd.co.contra-cost.ca.us or Donna Broussard, Administrative Services Assistant at
dbrou@pd.co.contra-cost.ca.us. Additional information on temporary attorney positions is available on
the office website.

**DEL NORTE COUNTY**

[www.co.del-norte.ca.us](http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us)

Darren McElfresh
445 I Street
Crescent City, CA 95531 Ph: (707) 465-0806

Jon Alexander
508 H Street #6
Crescent City, CA 95531
Ph: (707) 464-2700

Leroy Davies
341 H Street
Crescent City, CA 95531
Ph: (707) 465-4745

William Cater
640 4th Street, Suite 2
Crescent City, CA 95531
Ph: (707) 464-1600

This county contracts out its public defender work. All four attorneys are in Crescent City. Interested
students and graduates should contact Leroy Davies at ladslaw@charterinternet.com, Darren McElfresh
at darren@charterinternet.com, Jon Alexander at jonalexanderlaw@yahoo.com, or William Cater at caterlaw@charter.net.

**EL DORADO COUNTY**

CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER: Richard D. Meyer

Placerville Branch
630 Main Street
Placerville, CA 95667
Ph: (530) 621-6440

South Lake Tahoe Branch
1360 Johnson Boulevard, Suite 106
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Ph: (530) 573-3115
www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/public_defend.html

Students interested in law clerk positions should contact the individual offices directly. Check the county’s Human Resources website for attorney job postings. For more information, contact Richard Meyer at rmeyer@co.el-dorado.ca.us.

**FRESNO COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER:
Kenneth K. Taniguchi
2220 Tulare Street, Suite 300
Fresno, CA 93721
Ph: (559) 488-3546
Toll Free: 1-800-742-1011
Fax: (559) 262-4104 http://www2.co.fresno.ca.us/2880/index.html

**Law Student Program**

Positions are volunteer. Send a resume and cover letter to Kenneth K. Taniguchi, Public Defender, at the above address. You will be asked to meet with some of the attorneys in the office, particularly in the unit to which you will be assigned.

**Attorney Positions**
Attorney positions are listed at the county’s Personnel Services website. Attorneys should also forward their resumes to Kenneth K. Taniguchi, Public Defender at the above address, or by email at ktaniguchi@co.fresno.ca.us.

**GLEN COUNTY**

Albert Smith  
PO Box 1346  
Colusa, CA 95932  
Ph: (530) 458-8801  
Email: albertsmithesq@hotmail.com

Charles H. Lee  
PO Box 923  
Willows, CA 95988  
Ph: (530) 934-0228  
Email: charles42@thegrid.net

David Nelson  
333 North Plumas Willows, CA 95988  
Ph: (530) 934-3680 Email: nellylaw1@aol.com

http://www.glenncourt.ca.gov/general_info/whoswho/public_defender.html

Glenn County only has 3 full time attorneys. In the last 20 years the staff has remained the same and they do not expect any vacancies in the near future. This office also does not have summer programs for law students, but they may consider a few unpaid interns. Please contact the individual attorneys by phone or email.

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Kevin Robinson  
1001 Fourth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Ph: (707) 445-7634  
Fax: (707) 445-7320

http://co.humboldt.ca.us/pubdefnd/

**Law Student Program**

This office hires 1L, 2L and 3L law students for volunteer internships for the fall, spring, and summer. Interested students should contact Kevin Robinson, Public Defender, at krobinson@co.humboldt.ca.us
Anyone interested should indicate a particularized interest in the variety of cases that come before a public defender office as well as resume, references and letters.

NOTE: this office also handles dependency court matters.

**Attorney Positions**

Openings are advertised on the county website but owing to the small size of the office, most positions are filled through informal word of mouth. Interested individuals may send a cover letter and resume to Kevin Robinson, Public Defender, at krobinson@co.humbolt.ca.us, expressing interest to work in Humboldt County. Mr. Robinson may then contact those applicants when an opening becomes available. Openings are also posted on the California Public Defenders Association website.

**IMPERIAL COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER:
Tim Reilly
939 West Main Street, Suite 202
El Centro, CA 92243
Ph: (760) 482-4510 http://co.imperial.ca.us

**Law Student Program**

The office has no structured program, but will hire volunteers, space permitting. Inquire about opportunities by contacting Tim Reilly, Public Defender at (760) 482-4510 or timothyreilly@imperialcounty.net.

**Attorney Positions**

California Bar membership required. Applicants file an application with the county’s Human Resources Department.

**INYO COUNTY**

Elizabeth Corpora
PO Box 1161
Bishop, CA 93515
Ph: (760) 872-8226

www.countyofinyo.org
This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact Dana Crom to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions by email at dana.crom@verizon.net.

**KERN COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER:
Konrad Moore
1315 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Ph: (661) 868-4874
Fax: (661) 868-4788

www.co.kern.ca.us/pubdef/default.asp

**Law Student Program**

The office has no structured program, but will hire volunteers. Summer interns will shadow attorneys in court, compile statistics, and do research. Summer hours can be part-time or full-time. Third year students are encouraged to apply.

Submit cover letter and resume to Konrad Moore, Public Defender by mail to the above address. Applicants are interviewed by Mr. Moore. Phone interviews are available for students unable to afford travel expenses. Applications for school year externships are accepted.

**Attorney Positions**

Recent graduates are encouraged to apply for attorney positions. California Bar membership required. County application and civil service exam required. Obtain an application from the county’s Personnel Department website at http://www.co.kern.ca.us/person/pers.asp. Resumes, cover letter and references may be included with the county application.

**KINGS COUNTY**
The court in this county appoints a number of private attorneys to act as public defenders. There may be opportunities for law clerks in this county; contact Human Resources to inquire.

**LAKE COUNTY**

Stephen Carter, President
Lake Legal Defense Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 2043
9667 Highway 29, Suite 203-A
Lower Lake, CA 95457
Ph: (707) 245-6738
Fax: (707) 994-0917
http://www.lakelegaldefense.com/

Interested students and graduates should contact Mr. Carter at lakelegaldefense@mchsi.com to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions. They have no formal program, but Lake County is open to considering a limited number of volunteer law clerks.

**LASSEN COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: David G. Marcus
220 S. Lassen Street, Suite 1
Susanville, CA 96130
Ph: (530) 251-8312
http://www.co.lassen.ca.us/govt/dept/pub_def/PublicDefender.asp

There is no formal law clerk program. The office will not know whether any summer volunteer opportunities are available until the spring. Interested students and graduates should contact the office to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions. Mr. Marcus can be reached by email at, dmarcus@co.lassen.ca.us

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Ronald L. Brown
Contact
JEFFREY D. GILLIAM,
Head Deputy of Central Misdemeanors and Training
(213) 974-3011 (office),
EMAIL: JGILLIAM@PUBDEF.LACOUNTY.GOV

http://pd.co.la.ca.us/About_employment.html

For Law Students

Summer Clerks

Summer Clerks assist practicing public defenders in a diverse array of work. Summer Clerks are given the opportunity to observe and participate in client interviews, case strategy meetings and court proceedings. Clerks may complete research and writing projects including briefs, investigation requests and motions to be filed in court. They may also accompany the assigned attorney to jail interviews and attend public defender training sessions. Law clerks may be exposed to misdemeanor, felony, juvenile and appellate sectors of the law.

Fall & Spring Clerks

Fall & Spring Clerks also assist practicing public defenders with the same wide variety of projects as the Summer Clerks.

Senior Clerks

There are a limited number of full time fall semester post-bar volunteer positions available. Prior experience in a Public Defender office required. We will accept resumes from March 15-April 15, 2013.

Most law schools offer course credit for clerkships with the Los Angeles County Public Defender. Typically, a clerk can receive up to (3) credit hours per semester from the law school. The number of credit hours depends on the law school.

Payment

Volunteer Law Clerks (Summer, Spring & Fall) are unpaid. However, many law schools offer grants to students working in the public interest sector of the law.

Certification
Volunteer Law Clerks are not allowed to appear on the record. However, clerks are permitted to attend court proceedings and assist the assigned attorney during trial.

**MADERA COUNTY**

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Mike Fitzgerald Richard A. Ciummo & Associates  
210 South D Street  
Madera, CA 93638  
Ph: (559) 674-4696

http://www.ciummolaw.com/index.html

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact the firm to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions at, jbmadera@netheat.net

**MARIN COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Jose Varela  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 139  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
Ph: (415) 499-6321  
Fax: (415) 499-6898  
www.co.marin.ca.us/pd

**Law Student Program**

The office hires 1L and 2L students for summer law clerk positions. The summer program will involve client interviewing, legal research, court appearances (motions, trials, bail reviews) for certified law students, and colleague mentoring. They plan to hire 3-6 students, who will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including ride-alongs, court hearings, and client interviews. They would like a minimum commitment of 25-40 hours a week.

Applications for summer law clerk positions will be accepted beginning in January. Electronic applications are accepted. Phone interviews will be conducted for students who cannot afford travel expenses. Submit a cover letter, resume, and transcript to Debra Leyva at dleyva@co.marin.ca.us. A writing sample may also be useful.

Applications for externships are accepted the preceding semester until the last month prior to the semester the student is interested in.

**Post-Graduate Law Clerks**
The office has hired senior law clerks for those who are awaiting Bar results. The positions are volunteer. Submit a cover letter, resume, and transcript to Jose Varela. You may contact him at JVarela@co.marin.ca.us if you have any questions.

**Attorney Positions**

California Bar membership required. Submit a cover letter, resume, and transcript to Jose Varela. You may contact him at JVarela@co.marin.ca.us if you have any questions. Applicants will be placed on a job list for 6 months and will be notified of any openings.

**MARIPOSA COUNTY**

James Lindstedt  
P.O. Box 867  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
Ph: (209) 966-3661  
Fax: (209) 966-4884 www.mariposacounty.org

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students should contact the county’s Personnel Department to inquire about the possibility of volunteering.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Linda Thompson  
199 South School Street  
Ukiah, CA 94582  
Ph: (707) 463-5433  
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/pubdef/

**Law Student Program**

They do not have a formal summer program. Interested students should contact Marea Kubanis, Office Manager to inquire about a volunteer internship.

**Attorney Positions**

They only advertise for attorney positions once or twice a year, at no set time. Check the county’s Human Resources website for attorney postings.

**MERCED COUNTY**
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Michael Pro
Mailing Address:
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Physical Address:
2150 M Street
Merced, CA 95340
Ph: (209) 385-7692
Fax: (209) 725-8873
www.co.merced.ca.us

Law Student Program

The office hires volunteer summer law clerks. If you would like more information please contact Chief
Deputy Public Defender Vincent Andrade at 385-7694 or email him at vandrade@co.merced.ca.us

Attorney Positions

When an attorney position is vacant they will advertise only in the county at first, and then they will send
notices out to other papers. You can also check the county’s Personnel Department website for
information. They will accept resumes on a continuing basis, which they keep on file for 2 years.

MODOC COUNTY

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY: William Briggs
Richard A. Ciummo & Associates
P.O. Box 898
Alturas, CA 96101
Ph: (530) 233-2474
Fax: (530) 233-2484

http://www.ciummolaw.com/index.html

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates can call the firm to
inquire about law clerk or attorney positions. Mr. Briggs can also be reached by email at wb@abanet.org

MONO COUNTY

David Hammon
308 W. Line Street, Suite C
PO Box 1176
Bishop, CA 93515
Ph: (760) 873-4760
This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates can contact David Hammon to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions, at hammon52@yahoo.com.

MONTEREY COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: James S. Egar
111 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901
Ph: (831) 755-5058
Fax: (831) 755-5873

www.co.monterey.ca.us/pubdef/

NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 25

Law Student Program

This office does not have a formal internship program, but will take legal interns and law clerks on a volunteer basis. Send a cover letter explaining your interest in Monterey County Public Defender’s Office and a resume to Donald Landis at landisde@co.monterey.ca.us. Infrequently, individual attorneys will bring an intern on board after being appointed to a complex case. On those occasions, the attorney contacts the law school(s) directly.

Attorney Positions

They accept applications only during open recruitments. Unsolicited resumes are reviewed and kept on file in their office. Attorney positions are listed on the county’s Human Resources Department at https://jobs.co.monterey.ca.us/sigma/.

NAPA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Ms. Terry Davis
1127 First Street, Suite 265
Napa, CA 94559
Ph: (707) 253-4442
Fax: (707) 253-4407
Interested students should contact the office to inquire about internships. Attorney openings are posted on the county’s Personnel Department website. Inquiries can be emailed to Ms. Davis at tdavis@co.napa.ca.us

NEVADA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Donald E. Lown
224 Main Street
Nevada City, CA 95959
Ph: (530) 265-1400
Fax: (530) 478-5626
www.mynevadacounty.com

NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 9

Law Student Programs

The Nevada County Public Defenders Office does not have a formal internship program. Interested Law Students should contact Public Defender Donald Lown at donald.lown@co.nevada.ca.us. Alternately, students may send their cover letter, resume, and references to Keri Klein, at k.klein@co.nevada.ca.us.

Attorney Positions

Attorney positions are advertised in the local newspapers and legal journals, as well as on the county’s website. Contact Donald Lown, Public Defender to be placed on a contact list for future openings.

ORANGE COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Jean Wilkinson
14 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Tel.: (714) 834-2144
FAX: (714) 834-2729

http://www.pubdef.ocgov.com/

Law Student Program

The office hires 1Ls and 2Ls for volunteer summer internships. Certification is not required. Summer hours can be part-time or full-time. Students can apply for summer internships at any time throughout the year. Send cover letter and resume to Sandy Zirtzman, Assistant Human Resources Manager. She can be contacted at (714) 834-2144 or sandy.zirtzman@pubdef.ocgov.com.
They accept 2Ls and 3Ls for academic year externships. Certification is not required. Students can apply for externships at any time throughout the year. Send cover letter and resume to Jean Wilkinson, Senior Assistant Public Defender. She can be contacted at (714) 834-2144 or jean.wilkinson@pubdef.ocgov.com.

Post-Graduate Law Clerks

Post-bar law clerk positions are available for recent graduates who are awaiting Bar results. These are volunteer positions, apply as a 3L or after the Bar Exam. Send cover letter and resume to Sandy Zirtzman, Assistant Human Resources Manager. She can be contacted at (714) 834-2144 or sandy.zirtzman@pubdef.ocgov.com.

Attorney Positions

California Bar membership required. The office does hire recent graduates. The Human Resources Department of the Public Defender’s Office accepts applications for open positions. Check their office website or the county’s Human Resources Department website for openings. Applicants must submit a county application. Contact Sandy Zirtzman, Assistant Human Resources Manager at (714) 834-2144 or sandy.zirtzman@pubdef.ocgov.com for more information.

PLACER COUNTY

CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY: Jonathon Richter
Richard A. Ciummo & Associates
11760 Atwood Road, Suite 4
Auburn, CA 95603
Ph: (530) 889-0280
Fax: (530) 889-0276

www.placer.ca.gov/defender/defender.htm

This county’s services are provided by a private contractor under the supervision of the Superior Court and the Placer County Board of Supervisors. They advertise if they have positions. Call the county’s Personnel Office at (916) 889-4060 to get on their mailing list. California Bar membership required. Mr. Richter can be reached by email at jbado@netheat.net

PLUMAS COUNTY

Bill Abramson
PO Box 2342
Quincy, CA 95971
Ph: (530) 283-2410
Bill Arbamson: lawyerbill99@sbcglobal.net
Doug Prouty  
PO Box 476  
Quincy, CA 95971  
Ph: (530) 283-1179  
Doug Prouty: d.prouty@att.net

Robert Zernich  
447 Main Street  
Quincy, CA 95971  
Ph: (530) 283-1010  
Robert Zernich: bobzern@yahoo.com

George Zube  
PO Box 1934  
Quincy, CA 95971  
Ph: (530) 283-4368  
George Zube: gzube@aol.com

www.countyofplumas.com/

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact the above attorneys to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Steven L. Harmon  
4200 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
Ph: (951) 955-6000  
Fax: (951) 955-6025

http://publicdef.co.riverside.ca.us

**Law Student Program**

This office has no formal summer program. However, interested 1Ls and 2Ls should contact Bryant Villagran, Assistant Public Defender at BAVillag@co.riverside.ca.us or 951-955-6084 to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

**Attorney Positions**

Employment opportunities are listed on the county’s Human Resources website at http://agency.governmentjobs.com/riverside/default.cfm.
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Paulino Duran
700 H Street, Suite 0270
Sacramento, CA 95814
Ph: (916) 874-6411
Fax: (916) 874-8707

http://www.publicdefender.saccounty.net/

Law Student Program

They hire only 2Ls who have taken Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence (though Evidence can be taken concurrently). Full-time and part-time positions are available; however, students must work at least 15 hours per week. Positions are available in the following divisions: Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Felony (General Felony, Drug Court, Domestic Violence, Homicides, and Death Penalty), Conservatorship and Research. Check the Employment Opportunities section of the office website for further details. Cover letters and resumes are accepted on a continuous basis. Submit materials to the attention of the LRA Hiring Attorney at the above address.

Post-Graduate Law Clerks

Full-time and part-time positions are available. Positions are available in the following divisions: Misdemeanor, Juvenile, Felony (General Felony, Drug Court, Domestic Violence, Homicides, and Death Penalty), Conservatorship and, Research. Check the Employment Opportunities section of the office website for further details. Cover letters and resumes are accepted on a continuous basis. Submit materials to the attention of the LRA Hiring Attorney at the above address.

Attorney Positions

Employment opportunities are listed on the county’s Personnel Department website at http://hra.co.sacramento.ca.us. County application and civil service exam required. Once you go through the application process, you will be ranked. You must place in one of the first three ranks to be eligible for a position. When there is an opening, the Public Defender’s Office will contact Personnel and request the hiring list. California Bar membership required.

SAN BENITO COUNTY

Gregory LaForge
Law Office of Gregory LaForge
339 Seventh Street, Suite G
Hollister, CA 95023
Ph: (831) 636-9199
This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact Gregory LaForge to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions, at lawforge@pacbell.net

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Phyllis Morris
303 West Third Street, Ground Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415
Ph: (909) 382-7650
Fax: (909) 382-7660

http://www.sbcpd.com

Law Student and Post-Bar Program

San Bernardino County Public Defender offers Summer and Post Bar Clerkships. Our Summer and Post Bar Clerkships are full-time positions paid on an hourly basis, based upon experience and qualifications. Under attorney supervision, and after a training program designed for the position, a Summer or a Post-Bar Law Clerk performs legal research and assists our attorneys. Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Researching, writing and filing appeals, petitions and motions
2. Preparing pleadings, memoranda and other legal documents
3. Maintaining and organizing case and legal reference files
4. Litigating motions in the San Bernardino County Superior Court

To qualify to be a Summer Clerk, or “Law Clerk I,” a student must have completed his or her first year of study at an ABA or State Bar of California accredited school. To qualify to be Post-Bar Clerk, or “Law Clerk II,” a student must have graduated from an ABA or State Bar of California accredited law school and meet the requirements of a Certified Law Student as defined by the State Bar of California. The San Bernardino County Public Defender recruits Summer and Post-Bar Law Clerks each year between August and May. Offers are made to Law Clerks on a rolling basis. Our Summer Clerkships begin in late May and conclude in late August, and our Post-Bar Clerkships begin in late August and conclude in early December. If you wish to apply for a clerkship, please submit, electronically or in hardcopy, a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and list of references to Rosalind Camacho, Executive Secretary at the above address or to RCamacho@pd.sbcounty.gov.

Attorney Positions

The San Bernardino County Public Defender offers excellent opportunities for dedicated criminal defense litigators wishing to handle exciting cases. Our attorneys enjoy a supportive environment with creative,
dedicated colleagues. An accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provider, our Training Department designs programs that offer ongoing specialized legal instruction and trial advocacy. The Training Department brings together in-house and community legal experts and professionals to train our lawyers. In fiscal year 2006-2007 the Training Department programs resulted in more than 2,752 hours of Certified Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for our attorneys. In addition, we provide financial assistance for legal training from outside providers.

Our department has formal mentoring programs. The Training Department assigns a mentor to assist with training and transition for new Law Clerks, Deputy Public Defenders, and for Deputies beginning a new practice area within the department. In addition, our friendly atmosphere promotes informal interaction among attorneys and staff at all levels facilitating open discussion on all aspects of work. While caseloads are high at all public service agencies, our supervisory staff monitors their staff members’ workloads to ensure fairness, reasonableness and to facilitate training. After an initial probationary period, formal work performance evaluations are given once a year, and attorneys have the opportunity to discuss their assessments with their supervisors. The department provides all staff with state of the art resources and equipment. Each Deputy receives up to date code, jury instruction, and trial preparation books, access to extensive web based legal research and cutting edge trial preparation graphics and software applications. Generations of San Bernardino County Public Defenders have provided passionate advocacy and skilled legal counsel and distinctive leadership to our profession and to the communities we serve.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Henry C. Coker
233 A Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101-4009
Ph: (619) 338-4700
Fax: (619) 338-4643


**Law Students**

Legal Interns may work in either the [Adult Criminal Divisions](http://www.sdcournty.ca.gov/public_defender/) or in the [Juvenile Delinquency Divisions](http://www.sdcournty.ca.gov/public_defender/).

For the Adult Criminal Divisions, 2L and 3L students are preferred, but there are a limited number of positions for 1Ls in the Summer Intern Program. Students [PTLS certified](http://www.sdcournty.ca.gov/public_defender/) by the California State Bar are preferred. Interns must commit a minimum of **16** hours per week during school semesters and a minimum of **32** hours per week during the summer. Given court schedules, students should have blocks of time available (i.e. 8 am-12 pm or 1 pm– 5 pm).

For the Juvenile Delinquency Divisions, legal interns are assigned to actual cases and are supervised by the attorney working on those cases. The program stresses working directly with clients and their families, as well as close contact with the attorney of record and their assigned investigator. Interns begin each day with a variety of court appearances which may include arguing motions and potentially participating in bench trials. They then return to the office to complete research and writing assignments,
meet with clients, and prepare for future court hearings. Current 2L and 3L students only. 1Ls, that have just completed their first year, will not be considered for summer positions. Interns must be TLS Certified by the State Bar. The program prefers that you complete Evidence before applying (You can still apply if you are planning to take Evidence concurrently with the internship.) The minimum commitment is 20 hours per week during the school year, or 32 hours per week during the summer. Interns must be available starting at 8:00 a.m. on those days. Demonstrate an interest in juvenile delinquency law, or criminal law with a desire for working with children. Applicants must have their own transportation between the court and the office.

More information for law student opportunities may be found at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/public_defender/Volunteers.html.

Post-Graduate Law Clerks

The office hires post-bar volunteer positions. There are both winter and summer post-bar positions. All volunteers must be certified by the State Bar and give a commitment of 40 hours per week. The Employment Section of the office website has additional information on the Post-Bar Program. If you wish further information you can also contact the recruiting coordinator, Michael Owens, at Michael.Owens@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Attorney Positions

California Bar membership required. New attorneys attend a week-long orientation focusing on substantive law and courtroom procedure. They are immediately assigned to a team and given a misdemeanor caseload. An experienced team leader supervises and provides support and direction. Education is ongoing in the form of short training seminars focusing on evidence and the various phases of trial practice. Attorneys who have demonstrated trial proficiency and good legal skills are promoted to a felony team. The Employment Section of the office website has additional information. Employment opportunities are listed on the county’s Human Resources website. County application and civil service exam required.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Jeff Adachi
555 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
Ph: (415) 553-1671
Fax: (415) 553-9810
http://sfpublicdefender.org/
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 90

Law Student Program

The Office’s nationally recognized program is designed to give students not just an understanding of the criminal justice system, but hands-on experience with representing clients. Interns are assigned to work with a staff attorney, writing motions, meeting clients, attending case conferences, reviewing investigation
results, and attending consultations with experts. Students certified to practice law may also be given the opportunity to argue motions on behalf of clients in court.

We are looking for students who are committed to indigent criminal defense. Students with a general interest in criminal law or who view being a prosecutor as a possible career choice should not apply. We are looking for students with a passion for working for the underprivileged, the marginalized, and the forgotten in society. We want students with strong written and oral communication skills – who are willing to think like advocates and fight for our clients.

Internships are offered during the Summer, Fall, and Winter/Spring semesters. We have opportunities for applicants interested in working with our adult clients at our downtown office. There are also limited number of positions available in our juvenile office. All internships are unpaid. The cost of travel, living expenses, insurance and accommodations are the responsibility of the intern. The Office cannot accept responsibility for costs arising from accidents or illness incurred during the internship. Interns may receive academic credit if an agreement is made between the Public Defender’s Office and the intern’s college or university. Work-study is offered only if the Office portion is covered by the school. Upon acceptance, interns will attend an Orientation prior to their start date. Most interns bring their own laptop computer, but we also have a computer lab for interns to use.

Candidates must submit an online application form, providing 3 references and a 500 word statement of motivation. A resume and cover letter must also be attached. All application items must be submitted as a complete package. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications are only accepted electronically and through the online application form. We do not accept applications by mail or via email.

Students will receive a confirmation email after they've electronically submitted their application. Upon review of the applications, students considered for a position shall be offered a phone or in-person interview. After interviews, emails will be sent to the students accepted into the program.

Applications are reviewed as soon as they are submitted. All students will be notified via email on the outcome of their application as soon as a decision has been made. All interviews will be completed by two weeks after the close of applications. Students should notify the recruitment director if an application is withdrawn or if they accept an offer at another organization.


**Post-Graduate Law Clerks**

When funding is available, there are post-bar fellowship positions available. Post-bar fellows are part of the Research Unit and are assigned memos, motions, writs and appeals. Apply as a 3L. Submit cover letter, resume, writing sample, transcripts and references to Kathy Asada, Director of Recruitment of Intern Program, at the address above. Her contact information is (415) 553-9630 or Kathy.asada@sfgov.org.

**Attorney Positions**

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Peter Fox  
102 South San Joaquin Street, Suite 1  
Stockton, CA 95202  
Ph: (209) 468-2746  
Fax: (209) 468-9511

http://www.sjgov.org/pubdefender/

NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 58

Law Student Program

The office hires volunteers during the summer, who will gain exposure to all elements of criminal defense practice and also interview out of custody clients. First year students are eligible to apply. Interested students should send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Peter Fox, Public Defender at the above address or by fax. The office often participates in the Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day in February. Mr. Fox can also accept materials via email at pfox@sjgov.org

Post-Graduate Law Clerks

The office will hire recent graduates before they pass the Bar as temporary senior law clerks. Third year students are eligible to apply. They will only hire clerks if they know they will be able to hire them permanently after they pass the California Bar. Clerks start working in the law library, even if they have significant experience. Clerks are paid an hourly rate. The office often participates in the Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day in February.

Attorney Positions

This is a civil service office. Employment opportunities for Deputy Public Defenders are listed on the county’s Human Resources website. They hire one or two entry-level Deputy Public Defenders a year. California Bar membership required.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

James B. Maguire and Patricia Ashbaugh  
Maguire & Ashbaugh  
991 Osos Street, Suite A  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Ph: (805) 541-5715  
Fax: (805) 541-3064  
slodefend@advocate.net
There are three contract firms that serve as public defenders in this county. The Maguire & Ashbaugh firm is the largest, and has 18 subcontractors. This office does not have summer or academic year programs for law students. Attorney openings are rare, but interested graduates can submit resumes which they keep on file. When an attorney position is open they will advertise at law schools and various online resources.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

CHIEF DEFENDER: John DiGiacinto
333 Bradford Street, Second Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
Ph: (650) 363-4080


This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact John DiGiacinto, Chief Defender to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions, at johnd@smcba.org.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Rai Montes de Oca
1100 Anacapa Street
County Courthouse, Third Floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Ph: (805) 568-3470
www.publicdefendersb.org/
Rmontes@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Law Student Program

The office has summer internships for first and second year law students. Students work closely with attorneys in researching, drafting motions, preparing and helping to present cases. If the student is certified by the State Bar of California may appear in court at hearings under the supervision of an attorney. The office hires 2-4 volunteer students to work in their Santa Barbara and Santa Maria offices. Applications are accepted through January and selections are made in March. To apply, submit a resume, cover letter, reference list, writing sample and transcripts to Ms. Montes de Oca.

Attorney Positions

New Attorneys generally are assigned to the misdemeanor department. California Bar membership required. Attorney applicants must submit an application through the county’s Human Resources Department at http://www.jobaps.com/sbc/sup/images/default.asp.
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Molly O’Neal
Public Defender Main Office
120 West Mission Street
San Jose, CA 95110
Ph: (408) 299-7700

http://www.sccgov.org/sites/pdo/Pages/pdo.aspx

Law Student Program

The office hires paid law clerks and volunteer interns. Law clerk positions are full-time (40 hours per week) for 10 weeks. Students must be eligible for State Bar Certification and must have completed Evidence, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. The position entails general criminal legal research and writing (suppression and dismissal) motions in felony case under the direct supervision of the law and motions staff attorneys. Students will be able to argue their motions in the Santa Clara County Superior Court and conduct evidentiary hearings in those matters. This office also hires fall and spring research clerks for part-time positions (20 hour commitment). The pay and job requirements are the same. Volunteer positions are for 1Ls and non-certified 2Ls. Submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the research supervisor Bobbie Buccat at the above address.

To apply, visit http://www.sccgov.org/sites/esa/Pages/Employee-Services-Agency.aspx.

Attorney Positions

Entry-level attorneys are assigned to a misdemeanor jury trial calendar where they represent clients at all stages of the proceedings, including pretrial, motions, trials and sentencing. Depending on experience and ability, new lawyers may advance quickly to the following assignments: juvenile delinquency trials, mental health proceedings, felony preliminary examinations, and felony jury trials. California Bar membership required. County application and civil service exam required. Applications may be obtained from county's Personnel Department. Contact Joe Guzman, Assistant Public Defender with additional questions.

To apply, visit http://www.sccgov.org/sites/esa/Pages/Employee-Services-Agency.aspx.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Larry Biggam
2103 North Pacific Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Ph: (831) 429-1311
Fax: (831) 429-5664

www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/
Law Student Program

The office hires 2-4 work-study students each summer. They will accept both 1Ls and 2Ls. Interested students should send a cover letter, resume and writing sample to Lawrence Biggam, Public Defender, at the_law@got.net

Attorney Positions

Interested graduates should contact Lawrence Biggam, Public Defender to inquire about attorney positions.

SHASTA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Jeffrey E. Gorder
1815 Yuba Street
Redding, CA 96001
Ph: (530) 245-7598
Fax: (530) 245-7560

www.co.shasta.ca.us/

This county does not have a formal intern program. However, occasionally the office will hire volunteer interns. Interested students should contact the office directly, at jgorder@co.shasta.ca.us. The office posts attorney positions on the county website.

SIERRA COUNTY

J. Lon Cooper
Law Office of J. Lon Cooper
P.O. Box 682
Nevada City, CA 95959
Ph: (530) 272-5105

http://www.sierracounty.ws

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact J. Lon Cooper to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions. Mr. Cooper can be reached via email at, jho@nccn.net.

SISKIYOU COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Lael Kayfetz
402 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097
Ph: (530) 842-8501
Fax: (530) 842-0135

http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/PubDef/defender.aspx

Law Student Program

There is no formal summer program. Interested students may call the office to inquire whether there is space to accommodate volunteers, or email Mr. Kayfetz at lkayfetz@co.siskiyou.ca.us

Attorney Positions

California Bar membership required. Openings are posted on the county's Personnel Department website.

SOLANO COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Lesli M. Caldwell
675 Texas Street, Suite 3500
Fairfield, CA 94533-6710
Ph: (707) 784-6700
Fax: (707) 784-6747
http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/pubdefender/
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 28

BRANCH OFFICE
321 Tuolumne Street, Suite 201
Vallejo, CA 94590
Ph: (707) 553-5241
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 12

CONFLICT DEFENDER OFFICE
Vanessa Perry, Chief Deputy
675 Texas Street, Suite 3600
FAIRFIELD CA 94533-6339
Ph: (707) 784-6755
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 12

Law Student Program
They hire law students at all levels as volunteers (prefer students who can be certified by the State Bar). Interested students should contact Chief Deputy Public Defender Elena D'Agustino at (707) 553-5241 prior to applying. Send a cover letter, resume and writing sample.

### Attorney Positions

They recruit once a year, usually early in the year. California Bar membership required. Openings are posted on the county’s Human Resources website and advertised in local legal newspapers. Conflict Defender Office: Attorney openings and volunteer opportunities may also be available at the Conflict Defender Office. Contact Vanessa Perry at the number above for more information.

### SONOMA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Kathleen Pozzi  
600 Administration Drive, Suite 111-J  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Ph: (707) 565-2791

[www.sonoma-county.org/pubdef/index.htm](http://www.sonoma-county.org/pubdef/index.htm)

### Law Student Program

The office hires 1L and 2L volunteers over the summer. However, you must make a one-year commitment to them, which means that you must continue to work as an extern during the following school year. As a result, they normally work only with students from local law schools.

### Attorney Positions

California Bar membership required. This is a civil service office. Check the county’s Human Resources Department website or call their job line at (707) 565-2803 for attorney openings.

### STANISLAUS COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Tim Bazar  
1021 I Street, Suite 201  
Modesto, CA 95353-3428  
Ph: (209) 525-4200  
Fax: (209) 525-4244


### Law Student Program
The Volunteer Internship Program is available to first, second, and third year law students. Interns will be asked to write legal motions and memorandums, conduct legal research, interview clients, brief cases and assist in trial preparation. Law students who are certified by the State Bar of California will also be asked to make appearances in court under the supervision of a senior attorney.

Interns will have the opportunity to participate in various training sessions, shadow numerous attorneys, meet with judges, visit the county jail, observe trials, and experience all aspects of criminal law. The program also allows interns to personalize their time in the office by creating their own “project” that they wish to complete.

This office accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter. Interested students should contact Hien Ngoc Nguyen at nguyenh@stancounty.com or at (209) 622-3466, or Malika Anne Wright-Brown at wrightm@stancounty.com or at (209) 525-4200.

**Post Graduate Law Clerk**
The Volunteer Internship Program is also available to recent law school graduates. Post Graduate Law Clerks will perform similar assignments and duties as that of the law student intern.

This office accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter. Interested students should contact Hien Ngoc Nguyen at nguyenh@stancounty.com or at (209) 622-3466, or Malika Anne Wright-Brown at wrightm@stancounty.com or at (209) 525-4200.

**Attorney Positions**

The office advertises when they have positions available. Openings are also posted on the county Personnel Department website. California Bar membership is required. Contact Tim Bazar if interested in an attorney position at bazart@stancounty.com.

**SUTTER COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Mark Van den Heuvel
604 B Street, Suite 1
Yuba City, CA 95991
Ph: (530) 822-7355
Fax: (530) 673-7967
www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/government/depts/pd/pd_home

**Law Student Program**

There is no formal summer program. However, interested students should submit a cover letter and resume to Mark Van den Heuvel, Public Defender, at mvandenheuvel@co.sutter.ca.us. He is willing to arrange for county funding for summer law clerks. First year students are eligible, second year students are preferred.

**Attorney Positions**
Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Mark Van den Heuvel, Public Defender. Applicants will be contacted when an opening becomes available.

**TEHAMA COUNTY**

Laura Woods  
756 Rio Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 529-1623  
graemma@att.net

Kathryn Thompson  
756 Rio Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 529-1623

Kenneth Miller  
857 Jefferson Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 529-1794  
doglawyer2000@yahoo.com

Diane Martin  
1248 Washington  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 529-4266  
dlogan@snowcrest.net

Ronald McIver  
PO Box 8578  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 527-5113

Jeffrey Thompson  
756 Rio Street  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
Ph: (530) 528-3053

http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/

This county contracts out its public defender work to the attorneys above. Interested students and graduates should contact them directly to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions.
**TRINITY COUNTY**

Derrick Riske  
PO Box 1978  
Weaverville, CA 96093  
Ph: (530) 623-2781  
Fax: (530) 623-2720

www.trinitycounty.org/

This county contracts out its public defender work. Interested students and graduates should contact Derrick Riske to inquire about law clerk or attorney positions, at driske@dcacable.net.

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**TULARE COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Michael Sheltzer  
County Civic Center  
Courthouse Room G-35  
221 South Mooney Blvd  
Visalia, CA 93291  
Ph: (559) 733-6693  
Fax: (559) 733-6113

http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/government/public/default.asp

Law Student Program

This office welcomes volunteer law clerks. If an A-level law clerk opening becomes available over the summer, students may be paid for their work. Those interested should contact the office directly for more information. Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Michael Sheltzer, Public Defender, at msheltze@co.tulare.ca.us. Once preliminary considerations are made, students will be contacted for an interview. The interview will consist of different factual situations and will ask for the student’s honest reaction to the case, in order to evaluate how emotionally detached summer law clerks can be from their work.

Attorney Positions

The county’s Human Resources Department posts job openings. This is a civil service office. Resumes along with application forms are sent directly to the Human Resources Department and filtered to the Public Defender Office. In the past the number of applicants for a position have ranged from 80-300 individuals. Hiring decisions are made by Michael Sheltzer, Public Defender.
TUOLUMNE COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Robert J. Price
99 North Washington Street
Sonora, CA 95370
Ph: (209) 532-0430
Fax: (209) 532-1185

http://portal.co.tuolumne.ca.us/psp/ps/TUP_PUB_DEFENDER/ENTP/h/?tab=DEFAULT

This is a very small office. They have no summer program due to limited space. They advertise attorney openings in legal publications such as the Daily Journal, and all other inquiries can be emailed to Mr. Price at rprice@co.tuolumne.ca.us.

VENTURA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Stephen P. Lipson
800 South Victoria Avenue
Hall of Justice Suite 207
Ventura, CA 93009
Ph: (805) 654-2201
Fax: (805) 477-1587

http://www.pubdef.countyofventura.org/

Law Student Program

Interested 1L and 2L students should contact Stephen Lipson, Public Defender regarding volunteer internships, at steve.lipson@ventura.org

Attorney Positions

Positions are advertised on the county’s Personnel website (www.ventura.org/hr/) and advertised in the Daily Journal. The Office encourages those interested to send cover letters and resumes at any time. The office keeps them on file and will contact candidates about openings.

YOLO COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Tracie Olson
814 North Street
Woodland, CA 95695
Ph: (530) 666-8165
Law Student Program
The office hires 1Ls and 2Ls for summer volunteer positions. Certified students may participate in trials.

Attorney Positions
This is a civil service office. Openings are posted on the county's Personnel Department website which is accessible from the Public Defender website. Applications are only accepted for current opportunities.

**YUBA COUNTY**

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Brian J. Davis
303 Sixth Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Ph: (530) 741-2331
Fax: (530) 741-2254

www.co.yuba.ca.us

Law Student Program
There is no formal summer program, but the office hires summer volunteers. Contact the office for more information. They also accept externs during the school year. Applications should include a resume and cover letter. Electronic applications are accepted. Phone interviews are not offered.

Attorney Positions
California Bar membership required. Recent graduates are encouraged to apply for attorney positions, when licensed. All positions are posted on the county's Personnel website. Interested candidates can contact the office for more information.

**FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO**

Reuben Camper Cahn, Executive Director
225 Broadway, Suite 900
San Diego, CA 92101
Ph: (619) 234-8467
Federal Defenders of San Diego is a private, non-profit organization based in San Diego with a branch office in El Centro, California, representing indigent persons accused of federal criminal offenses. We are located in the Southern District of California. Our close proximity to the U.S.-Mexican border has a strong influence on our caseload. The majority of our clients are charged with drug and immigration related offenses. Our attorneys also have the opportunity to represent clients facing a wide variety of federal charges, including bank robbery, fraud, counterfeiting, pornography, assault and firearms offenses.

Our staff currently consists of over forty attorneys and fifty support personnel, many of whom are bilingual and bicultural. We have an aggressive and distinguished appellate department. Our attorneys are assisted by highly trained and dedicated investigators and have the benefit of in-house interpreter and bond departments.

Members of the Federal Defenders team share a commitment to excellence and a passion for justice in representing indigent people accused of myriad federal criminal offenses. We combine hard work, constant training and intense dedication in the defense of each of our clients.

**Law Student Program**

Federal Defenders seeks to recruit law students who wish to work in an office dedicated to the zealous defense of the indigent accused. During the school year, Federal Defenders welcomes law students from the three local law schools. These interns generally earn school credit for their internship experiences. While summer internships are also open to local students, they are extremely competitive because Federal Defenders recruits for these positions at national recruitment fairs. We typically hire two to four interns per semester or summer. Applications are considered on a rolling basis starting in August and continuing through February. Summer internships are unpaid and thus students are encouraged to seek alternative sources of funding.

If interested please send a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to: Legal Intern Committee, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., 225 Broadway, Suite 900, San Diego, CA, 92101.

**Post Graduate Law Clerks**
We hire attorneys directly out of law school (see “Attorney Position”). They are recruited during their 3L year and start with us in early October. Prior to bar passage, they serve as law clerks. However, we do not hire law clerks solely for the pre-bar passage time.

Attorney Positions

Federal Defenders seeks to recruit attorneys who strive for excellence, are willing to battle time and again against all odds, and who are committed to toiling tirelessly to protect the rights of the indigent accused. We attend national recruitment fairs searching for motivated and dedicated new graduates to join our team. Federal Defenders always welcomes applications from attorneys finishing judicial clerkships and other significant legal positions. Even if there are no current openings for attorney positions, we actively recruit year round to fill positions as they become available.

If interested, please send a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to: Reuben Camper Cahn, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., 225 Broadway, Suite 900, San Diego, CA, 92101.

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER: CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHIEF DEFENDER: Sean Kennedy
321 East Second Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Ph: (213) 894-2854
Fax: (213) 894-0081

DIRECTING ATTORNEY: Craig Wilke
411 West Fourth Street, Suite 7110
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Ph: (714) 338-4500
Fax: (714) 338-4520

DIRECTING ATTORNEY: Jesus Bernal
3801 University Avenue, Suite 150
Riverside, CA 92501
Ph: (909) 276-6346
Fax: (909) 276-6368

Law Student Program

Students interested in working during the summer should submit a cover letter and resume to Alicia Blanco or Callie Glanton-Steele during the fall (October-November) prior to the summer of work. Decisions are made by December or January.

Attorney Positions
The office does not hire directly out of law school. When openings become available they are advertised in legal publications.

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

FEDERAL DEFENDER: Steven Kalar

San Francisco Office:
450 Golden Gate Avenue
Room 19-6884
San Francisco, CA 94102
Ph: (415) 436-7700
Fax: (415) 436-7706
www.ndcalfpd.org/

Oakland Office:
555 12th Street, Suite 650
Oakland, CA 94607

San Jose Office:
60 W. Santa Clara St., Suite 575
San Jose, CA 95113

**Law Student Program**

Students have the opportunity to observe all phases of a criminal case. Although the emphasis is on research and writing, students attend court proceedings and client and witness interviews. They are often asked to assist in the investigation of cases and help attorneys prepare for trial. Students also provide direct assistance to those who have received tickets for alleged federal and state code violations while on federal property.

They hire 2L students. Students are required to have completed or be enrolled in Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law. Applications must be received by October 1 for summer positions.

The office accepts school year externs. Applicants for the fall or spring semesters should have completed or currently be enrolled in Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law. Second and third year students are eligible. Applications are taken year round.

Interested students should send a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, transcript, and three references to the Law Clerk Supervisor at the above addresses.

**Attorney Positions**
Positions are advertised in the legal newspapers such as the Daily Journal and the Recorder. California Bar membership required. The office generally does not hire attorneys directly out of law school but do hire attorneys who have just finished a federal judicial clerkship.

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER: EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

FEDERAL DEFENDER: Heather Williams  
801 I Street, Third Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: (916) 498-5700  
Fax: (916) 498-5710  

Fresno Office:  
2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330 Fresno, CA 93721  
Ph: 559-487-5561  
Fax: 559-487-5950  

www.cae-fpd.org/

**Law Student Program**

They have some paid or work-study (depending on funding) full-time summer positions for 2Ls. These normally go to students from Sacramento schools, but you have a chance if you are from that area or intend to settle there. They also take full-time or part-time volunteers, either 1Ls or 2Ls. They have offices in Sacramento and Fresno. The units are Misdemeanor, Felony, and Capital Habeas. See the employment section of the office website for further details. Resumes for legal intern positions should be submitted by the following dates: February 15 for summer positions, June 30 for fall semester positions, and October 30 for spring semester positions.

**Post-Graduate Law Clerks**

The office has retained graduates after they have taken the Bar as clerks or even paralegals until they pass the Bar. Check employment section of the office website for openings.

**Attorney Positions**

They will hire entry-level attorneys if they have funding for positions at the start of the fiscal year (October), or if someone transfers or leaves for some other reason. They do sometimes hire right out of law school, and you can apply before you have passed the Bar. They recruit year round even if there are no current openings; submit cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the attention of Personnel. Submit to either the Sacramento or Fresno offices. Open positions will be advertised on their website and in the legal papers. They have a preference for people from the area.

**OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**
Law Student Program

The Office of the State Public Defender offers bright, energetic, and committed law students the opportunity to participate in a 10-week summer internship from June until August or during a semester of the academic year. The Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) has an exclusive focus on death penalty cases, and represents more than 130 people on California’s death row. OSPD litigates these cases both on appeal and habeas corpus. The work of the office is often at the cutting edge of criminal law. We have appeared in the California Supreme Court in over 250 cases and in the United States Supreme Court in a half dozen cases where certiorari review was granted. We have been responsible for major developments in the areas of capital litigation, due process, right to counsel, confessions, jury selection, search and seizure, sentencing and many other issues. The work of the Office of the State Public Defender is complex and challenging, and presents a unique personal and professional opportunity for those interested in criminal defense.

Summer interns assist with preparing appeals or habeas corpus petitions to the California Supreme Court. Responsibilities may include: legal and factual research on guilt/innocence, forensic, mental health, client social history and other issues; collecting or summarizing documents, investigation and field work (expenses paid); drafting memos and legal pleadings; preparing for hearings and other tasks. Students participate in team meetings. Summer students attend a week’s worth of formal training at the beginning of the summer, in addition to informal training offered throughout the summer.

The internship is unpaid.

Please include in the application: A letter of interest, a resume, and writing sample. Two references must be provided upon request.

Address applications to: Office of the State Public Defender Intern Program, 1111 Broadway, 10th Floor, Oakland, CA 94607, or submit via e-mail to internprogram@ospd.ca.gov

Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. Call (510) 267-3300 with any questions. Interns during the academic year must make a minimum commitment of 16 hours per week.

Post-Graduate Law Clerks
Graduate Legal Assistants (GLA) are hired under state civil service procedures. These positions are for applicants who are awaiting admission to the Bar and who have taken the GLA exam. Check the office website for exam information.

**Attorney Positions**

Attorneys are hired under state civil service procedures. Legal Counsel positions are the entry-level position for attorneys admitted to the Bar. They have hired attorneys just out of law school. It does help your chances if you clerk there, but is no guarantee of a job. Deputy State Public Defenders are the associate attorney positions for attorneys with some experience in the practice of appellate or criminal law. Check the office website for openings and exam information. A writing sample will be required prior to appointment.