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INTRODUCTION

Inquiries to update this directory were made during the fall of 2010 and the spring of 2011 by University of California, Davis School of Law staff. This information is based on entries from the previous edition of this guide, previous job listings, website information, surveys emailed to offices, and follow-up telephone calls.

STAFFING CHANGES

Staffing changes may occur after the publication of this directory. To insure that you have current information, you should always verify the name of the hiring attorney and recruiting coordinator, the spelling of their names, and the address, before corresponding with these offices. Before interviewing you should verify the name of the Public Defender in the county, and research her/him and the office to which you are applying.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSOCIATION

An excellent tool for finding contact information on various public defender offices and their website links is the California Public Defender Association. Their website is http://www.cpda.org.

OTHER TYPES OF DEFENDER OFFICES

Visit http://www.cpda.org/publicarea/county/county.html, and you will find a list that also includes alternate defenders, conflict defenders, California Appellate Project offices and Indigent Criminal Defense Panel Administrators. These offices, not listed here for the most part, may also be a source of volunteer or paid positions.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWING

Some counties conduct on-campus interviews at several law schools. Check with your career services office for more details.

Be aware that hiring practices can change at any time due to budget constraints.

Good luck!
LAW STUDENT PROGRAM

Law students not only gain the traditional experience in research and writing, but also the practical “hands on” experience of assisting attorneys 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 attorney. Law students who are exploring a career in criminal defense work will find their experiences working with the Alameda County Public Defender’s Office an invaluable step in their career development.

The office hires approximately 10 full-time volunteer summer interns (2L students are eligible). They hire approximately 3 externs for the academic year (2L and 3L students are eligible). Externs normally work 16 hours per week during the academic year. Students should 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 in the fall for summer internships. Interviews will begin in September. Applications are accepted continuously for externships. Submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Tammy Yuen, Deputy Public Defender at the above address.

POST GRADUATE LAW CLERK

Post-bar legal assistants are currently compensated at $16.38 per hour with medical and dental benefits. Apply as a 3L. Submit resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Tammy Yuen, Deputy Public Defender at the above address.

ATTORNEY POSITIONS

The office’s practice consists predominantly of criminal defense litigation: defending adults and juveniles charged with crimes ranging from misdemeanors to capital murders. The office also defends individuals subject to involuntary psychiatric commitments and conservatorships. Lastly, the office represents parties in child dependency proceedings. All attorneys rotate through a variety of these assignments.

All Associate Deputy Public Defenders initially work in one of the branch offices where they are assigned cases of increasing difficulty. By the end of the third year most lawyers are assigned to their first felony jury trial cases. 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’s Office is approved as a Provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) by the State Bar of California.
Associate Deputy Public Defenders salary is currently $67,250 per year. Periodically, attorneys can expect salary increases within the range for their position, based on experience, litigation skill level and general performance.

California Bar membership required. They do hire recent graduates. Apply through the county’s Human Resources Services: http://www.acgov.org/hrs/index.htm. County application and civil service exam required. The examination for Associate Deputy Public Defender is generally conducted once a year, often in the period following the results of the summer Bar Examination. Applicants can direct inquiries to Tammy Yuen, Deputy Public Defender, at (510) 272-6600.

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  
http://www.ciummolaw.com/  
http://www.co.amador.ca.us/depts/human_resources/

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
Chico, CA 95926
Ph: (530) 893-9685
www.buttecounty.net

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
http://www.ciummolaw.com/
http://www.co.calaveras.ca.us/departments/public_defender.asp

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.
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 Hutch, 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. Law clerks earn $19.21 per hour. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Inquiries should be directed to Susan Hutch, 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-costa.ca.us/depart/hr/default.htm](http://www.co.contra-costa.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 dcole@pd.co.contra-costa.ca.us or Donna Broussard, Administrative Services Assistant at dbrou@pd.co.contra-costa.ca.us. Entry level salary is currently $5801.95 per month.

**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-costa.ca.us or Donna Broussard, Administrative Services Assistant at dbrou@pd.co.contra-costa.ca.us. Additional information on temporary attorney positions is available on the office website. Salary is currently $4,933.21 per month.

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**DEL NORTE COUNTY**

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

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

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

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

www.co.del-norte.ca.us

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.
GLENN 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

Gerald Harvey
PO Box 1701
Bishop, CA 93515
Ph: (760) 873-1064

Dana Crom
621 West Line Street, Suite 103
Bishop, CA 93515
Ph: (760) 873-4700

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: Arthur Titus
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 Arthur Titus, Public Defender by mail to the above address. Applicants are interviewed by Mr. Titus. 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. Entry-level salary is approximately $59,000.

KINGS COUNTY

Richard Altimus
802 North Irwin Street, Suite 102
Hanford, CA 93230
Ph: (559) 582-3611
dmarcus@co.lassen.ca.us

Carolyn Miles
9030 Grangeville
Hanford, CA 93230
Ph: (559) 582-4740

Jerry R. Hultgren
5485 East Ashcroft
Fresno, CA 93727
Ph: (559) 291-8071

Donna Tarter
116 West 7th Street, Suite 1
Hanford, CA 93230
Ph: (559) 585-8095

http://www.countyofkings.com/hr/index.htm

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
19-513 Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center
210 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Ph: (213) 974-2811
Fax: (213) 625-5031
http://pd.co.la.ca.us/
**LAW STUDENT PROGRAM**

The office hires approximately 50 full-time summer interns. First and second year students are eligible to apply. They accept approximately 20 school year externs from 2L and 3L students. Visit [http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html](http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html) for more details on summer and externship positions.

Summer positions are volunteer. There is work-study funding available, but only if the student’s university financial aid office will allow the office to pay only 15% of the salary. Note that the University of California law schools require employers to pay 50%.

Submit cover letter, resume, and writing sample to **Sanders Smith, Special Counsel to the Public Defender**. Mr. Smith coordinates the summer law clerk program. His email is ssmith@pubdef.lacounty.gov.

**POST GRADUATE LAW CLERKS**

The Senior Law Clerk Program is available for 20-30 recent graduates who are awaiting Bar results. This is a civil service position. For more details, visit [http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html](http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html). Apply as a 3L. Submit cover letter and resume directly to **Anthony Guerrero, Special Counsel to the Public Defender**. His email is aguerrero@pubdef.lacounty.gov.

**ATTORNEY POSITIONS**

California Bar membership and United States citizenship required. Applicants must file an application with the Personnel Department and take a civil service exam. Call the **Public Defender Human Resources Department** at (213) 974-2821 for more information or go to [http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html](http://pd.co.la.ca.us/employment.html). Entry-level salary is $56,000-$70,000.

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**MADERA COUNTY**

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

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](mailto:jbmadera@netheat.net)
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.
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. Interested students may send a resume to Michael Pro, Public Defender, at mpro@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
Fax: (760) 873-4756
http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/

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: 24
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
http://www.co.napa.ca.us/Gov/Departments/DeptDefault.asp?DID=22600

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 PROGRAM

The Nevada County Public Defenders Office is developing 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.

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. Entry-level salary is $77,126.

ORANGE COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Deborah Kwast
14 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Ph: (714) 834-2144
Toll Free: 1-866-634-6224
Fax: (714) 834-6650
www.pubdef.ocgov.com/emp.htm
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 222

ALTERNATE DEFENDER: Marri Derby
600 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Ste 600
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Ph: (714) 568-4160
Toll Free: (866) 634-6200
Fax: (714) 568-4200

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.
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

Doug Prouty
PO Box 476
Quincy, CA 95971
Ph: (530) 283-1179

Robert Zernich
447 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971
Ph: (530) 283-1010

George Zube
PO Box 1934
Quincy, CA 95971
Ph: (530) 283-4368

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.

Bill Arbamson: lawyerbill99@sbcglobal.net
Doug Prouty: d.prouty@att.net
Robert Zernich: bobzern@yahoo.com
George Zube: gzube@aol.com

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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

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. Entry-level salary is currently $25.81 per hour.

SAN BENITO COUNTY

Gregory LaForge
Law Office of Gregory LaForge
339 Seventh Street, Suite G
Hollister, CA 95023
Ph: (831) 636-9199
Fax: (831) 636-9499
lawforge@pacbell.net
www.san-benito.ca.us/

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 BERNADINO 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.sbccounty.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
**LAW STUDENT PROGRAM**

Interns are accepted for fall, winter, spring, and summer. It is recommended but not required that all summer interns be certified by the State Bar. Each intern is given a felony attorney mentor and immediate courtroom experience in the form of assisting at arraignments, bail reviews and probation violation hearings. Interns also research and write motions. Although interns do not receive monetary compensation, they may receive clinical education credits. Full-time and part-time positions are available for interns. Fall, spring and summer interns are expected to work at least three days per week and winter interns one day per week.

The Employment Section of the office website has additional information on the winter, spring, and summer programs. If you wish further information you can also contact the recruiting coordinator, Michael Owens at Michael.Owens@sdcounty.ca.gov. Submit resume, cover letter, and transcript to her at the above address.

**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. Entry-level salary is currently $56,576 - $65,499.

**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 San Francisco Public Defender’s Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) provides internship opportunities for law students, post-bar students, paralegal students, college students and volunteers who are interested in receiving hands-on experience meeting with clients, writing motions and assisting attorneys in trial. The VIP provides over 80 attorneys with law student interns. The program seeks to provide an intern for each attorney who requests one. Students from schools all over the United States and several from overseas participated in their summer program.

Law student interns are assigned to individual trial or support attorneys. Interns have the opportunity to become involved in all aspects of criminal litigation: from the client interview, some field investigation, motion work, and of course, courtroom preparation. If there is any one word that describes the experience, it is “action.”

They hire 80 1L and 2L students for full-time summer internships, with priority given to 2Ls. They hire 30 2L and 3L students for fall and spring externships. Most 1L students are assigned to assist a misdemeanor trial or support an attorney. Second and third year students are usually assigned to a felony trial attorney. Training is provided by the individual supervising attorney and in group intern seminars. Interns are also welcome to attend office-wide attorney training seminars.

Second and third year students who have completed Evidence and Criminal Procedure may be certified and represent a client at the preliminary hearing or argue motions under the direct supervision of their assigned attorney. Certification is optional for internship and externship positions.

Summer internships are volunteer. The office has no funding available to pay law students, however, some students receive work-study grants. Some law schools have arranged to pay their portion of the work-study grant. Many students receive academic credit.

Applications are accepted until all positions are filled. Second year students should apply in the fall for summer internships. First year students should apply over the Winter Break for summer internships. Second and third year students can apply anytime for academic year externships. All volunteers must submit to a background check for jail clearance. Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, 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.

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. Salary is $26 per hour.

ATTORNEY POSITIONS

California Bar membership required. Submit cover letter, resume, writing sample, and references to Teresa Caffese, Chief Attorney, to the address above. Her contact information is (415) 553-9315 or teresa.caffese@sfgov.org. Entry-level salary is currently $90,818.
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.
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 (their website is assessable through the FAQs section of the Public Defender website). Starting salary ranges from $60,000-$70,000. Interested attorneys are also encouraged to arrange an informational interview by contacting the office.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY (*)

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Mary J. Greenwood  
Public Defender Main Office:  
120 West Mission Street  
San Jose, CA 95110  
Ph: (408) 299-7700

Alternate Defender Main Office:  
701 Miller Street  
San Jose, CA 95110  
Ph: (408) 299-7200

http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/opd/  
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 120

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 pay is about $16 per hour and 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. There is a separate application that needs to accompany the application materials on the above website address.

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.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Lawrence Biggam  
2103 North Pacific Avenue  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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: (30) 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
www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/defender/index.htm
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 4

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/default.asp
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. Current entry-level salary is $4520.40 per month. Within one year entry-level attorneys are generally promoted to DPD II with a salary of $6118.10 per month.

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: John R. Abrahams
600 Administration Drive, Suite 111-J
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Ph: (707) 565-2791
Fax: 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. For more information contact Bruce Kinnison, Deputy Public Defender.

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
http://www.stancounty.com/publicdefender
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 32
**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. Entry-level salary is $70,844.80 to $86,112.00 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](http://www.co.sutter.ca.us/doc/government/depts/pd/pd_home)  
NO. OF ATTORNEYS: 8  

**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

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[http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/](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

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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.

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 (http://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
Fax: (530) 666-8405
http://www.yolocounty.org/org/publicdefender/index.htm

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. Entry-level salary is $41,820-$50,832.

YUBA COUNTY

PUBLIC DEFENDER: Ben Wirtschafter
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, INC.

Reuben Camper Cahn, Executive Director
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Fax: (619) 687-2666
www.fdsdi.com

El Centro Office
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El Centro, CA 92243
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Fax: (760) 335-3610

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.
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 DEFENDR: Barry Portman
Office of the Federal Public Defender
555 12th Street, Suite 650
Oakland, CA 94607
Ph: (415) 436-7700
Fax: (415) 436-7706
www.ndcalfpd.org/

Office of the Federal Public Defender
160 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.

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

FEDERAL DEFENDER: Daniel Broderick  
801 I Street, Third Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Ph: (916) 498-5700  
Fax: (916) 498-5710  
[www.cae-fpd.org/](http://www.cae-fpd.org/)

NO. OF ATTORNEYS: Approximately 30

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

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**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**

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**LAW STUDENT PROGRAM**

The agency has two regional offices: Sacramento and San Francisco (headquarters). Between the two offices they hire 10-15 law clerks over the summer. Their office handles death penalty cases almost exclusively and the work includes research and writing, going to jail to interview prisoners, interviewing witnesses, and a variety of office tasks. They usually participate in the Northern California Public Interest/Public Sector Legal Careers Day in February.

Student law clerks work under the close supervision of staff attorneys. The student law clerks' responsibilities vary from research and writing of legal memoranda; assisting in any aspect of handling an appeal, including document gathering investigation; witness interviews; non-legal research; information management; searching court records; summarizing transcripts; cite checking or Shepardizing. Excellent research and writing skills and a genuine interest in criminal law are required. Students should have completed Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law and Evidence.

They will consider 1Ls, but have a strong preference for 2Ls. Part-time positions are available during fall and spring semesters, and full-time or part-time positions are available in the summer. Students may be hired as recipients of work-study or public interest law grants. They state: “the Law Student Program is an integral part of our attorney recruitment efforts; we anticipate that the best of the
students will progress to staff attorney positions after graduation.” Contact Alison Bernstein or Linh Spencer for details.

**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.