

Los Angeles County Public Defender

"To enrich lives
through effective
& caring
service."

"Success Through
Teamwork."



2012 Law Clerk Program

Types of Programs Offered:

Summer Clerkship, Fall &
Spring Clerkship

Dates of Summer Program:

10 Weeks

Late May – Early August

Apply:

2Ls- Early Aug – Early Oct

1Ls - December – Late Feb

Hours: 40 per week

Dates of Fall Program:

16 Weeks

Mid August – Early December

Apply: Late April – Mid June

Dates of Spring Program:

16 Weeks

Early January – Late April

Apply: Early Aug – Early Oct



**Application Materials:

(1) Resume & (2) Cover Letter

"The law clerk program affords a select group of students the opportunity to experience the demanding yet highly rewarding practice of the public defender. Our law clerks represent the future of the office."

– Ronald L. Brown, LA County Public Defender

JOB DESCRIPTION

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

The public defender is unable to offer post graduate volunteer opportunities at this time. If this policy changes, notification will be posted here by the end of December 2011.

COURSE CREDIT

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.

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