

Federal Public Defender - Northern District of Oklahoma

Position Announcement

Summer Internship, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Oklahoma is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. Diversity and dignity are central to our work. We hire without regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, height, weight, veteran status, military obligations, or marital or parental status. We do not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment in any personnel decisions or employee interactions.

About Us. We work to keep people out of the criminal legal system through holistic representation, collaboration, and education. Our clients are people accused of federal crimes who cannot afford to hire private lawyers. We protect our clients' rights and center their humanity at every stage of the criminal case and beyond. We value hard work, diversity, teamwork, creativity, flexibility, and fairness.

The Job. Summer Internships are an opportunity for experience, collaboration and practice. Legal Interns provide research and writing services to staff attorneys. They write briefs, motions, petitions for certiorari, and legal memoranda for review by the Defender and staff attorneys. General duties include examining, analyzing and researching records and issues. Legal Interns will have the unique opportunity to engage in federal criminal defense preparation. Under the direct supervision of AFPDs or the Defender, Legal Interns may appear in court (with appropriate certification and approval required by the court, the state bar, law school requirements and client approval).

You must:

- Be a recent law school graduate or a current law student (at least half-time)
- Have excellent research, writing, and oral advocacy skills

You should:

- Have comprehensive knowledge of legal principles, practices, methods and techniques
- Have skill and judgment in the analysis of cases and legal opinions
- Have a basic understanding of criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence

Spanish fluency is a plus.

Apply. Send a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, and three professional references in a *single pdf* document to Julia O'Connell at oknresumes@fd.org. We may fill multiple vacancies from this position announcement. This position is subject to approval of funding. No phone inquiries.

Salary. Salary is determined by the Judiciary Salary Plan and based on qualifications and experience. Internships must be completed in person. Consideration will be given to students who have demonstrated an interest in public service, human rights and/or social justice issues.

Final candidates will be subject to a fingerprint background check.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.
