

## EDUCATIONAL INTERNSHIPS IN CRIMINAL DEFENSE

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Partnering directly with skilled attorneys, our legal interns get an inside look into one of America's largest and most infamous criminal justice systems. As part of our intern program, you can expect to encounter an unparalleled variety and depth of criminal defense litigation. Apply today for the unique opportunity to engage in one of the most exciting and meaningful practices of law.

### What do PDO Legal Interns do?

- Appear in court each morning
- Learn about public policy, civil rights, and social justice
- Analyze scene videos and police reports
- Assist lawyers in trial
- Visit jails and crime scenes
- Connect with defense lawyers, DAs, and judges
- Real-world legal research and writing
- Attend lawyer seminars and events

### Who should apply?

Applicants are preferred to be:

- interested in criminal defense
- 2L or 3L law students or 1Ls with relevant experience
- available at least 18 hrs / 3 days per week during Spring or Fall semesters
- available at least 24 hrs / 4 days per week for at least 9 consecutive weeks during Summer semester

### Important Dates\*

	Application Period	Orientation Meeting
Summer	January through April	Wednesday after Memorial Day
Fall	May through August	Wednesday after Labor Day
Spring	September through December	Wednesday after MLK Day

\*Dates subject to change. Apply according to the instructions on the application form. Interviews are held on a rolling basis. If you need notification by a date-certain, indicate deadline within your cover letter.

Questions? Contact Sarah V. Wood at [internapplications@pdo.hctx.net](mailto:internapplications@pdo.hctx.net)

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**HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**  
**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drivers License Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester:**     Fall 20\_\_\_\_                       Spring 20\_\_\_\_                      Summer 20\_\_\_\_

**Indicate any expected compensation, program participation, etc:**

Intern for Credit (You arrange credit through your school)

Intern as part of grant or fellowship. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Other. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Terms:** Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Work Schedule** (if known) Business hours are 8:30am – 5pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time					

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

1L    2L    3L    Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_    GPA/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_    GPA/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Languages** other than English in which you are fluent: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank your interests** (1 is most interested and 4 is least interested)

\_\_\_\_ Appeals    \_\_\_\_ Felony    \_\_\_\_ Mental Health    \_\_\_\_ Juvenile

**Why are you applying with us?**

**What is a criminal justice issue that interests you and why?**

**What do you want to do after law school?**

**Application Attachments:**

1. Cover Letter
2. Resume
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Photo of yourself
5. Writing Sample or Personal Statement (max 5 pages)
6. Letters of recommendation or names of references (please provide emails of references)

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the Internship Program information in its entirety. I certify that the information I have given in this application and attachments is my own, and is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Send your completed application, which includes: the application form, cover letter, resume, photo of yourself, writing sample, and any letters of recommendation or list of references with emails to:**

**[Internapplications@pdo.hctx.net](mailto:Internapplications@pdo.hctx.net)**

**\*No applications will be considered unless they are complete and sent to the email address above.**

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