

Summer Law Clerk Program for 1Ls and 2Ls



The Hennepin County Public Defender’s Office provides a select group of law students with a unique, educational experience working with criminal defense attorneys in one of Minnesota’s largest law firms.

Our Summer Law Clerk Program is designed specifically for law students who are interested in indigent defense, display characteristics of promising future public defenders, have an impeccable work ethic and strong research and writing skills.

Our law clerks’ primary responsibility is research and writing.

Law clerks work on misdemeanor, felony, juvenile, child protection and appellate cases. Typical assignments include writing motions and memoranda to the court and inter-office memos on a variety of topics. Law clerks with student practice certification may argue motions they have written and may assist lawyers at evidentiary hearings, sentencing hearings, or trials. Law clerks also work directly with clients and lawyers on civil contempt matters for indigent clients in Family Court.

Our Summer Law Clerk Program also includes field trips and tours.

Our law clerks are invited to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), the juvenile detention center, the medical examiner, Oak Park Heights and Shakopee prisons. Additionally, the Fourth Judicial District Court presents a series of educational sessions for judicial, county attorney and public defender law clerks to learn about the many areas of the court system from the perspective of all courtroom participants.

Apply for our 2017 Law Clerk Program

On or after December 1, 2016, potential law clerk candidates must submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references by US Post or Email:



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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 1,
2017**