

2019 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 in one of Minnesota's largest law firms.

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

Law Clerks support Assistant Public Defenders with a wide range of projects.

Law clerks work hand in hand with experienced criminal defense attorneys on misdemeanor, felony, juvenile, civil contempt and appellate cases. They complete research and writing projects including motions and memoranda to be filed in court. Law clerks are also given the opportunity to observe and participate in client interviews and case strategy meetings.

Those with student practice certification may argue motions they have written and may assist lawyers at bail hearings, evidentiary hearings, sentencing hearings, or trials. Additionally, our law clerks will spend a week shadowing attorneys in misdemeanor arraignment court. At the end of that week, they will be assigned some of their own cases to handle from first appearance through plea or trial (under the supervision of an attorney).

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

Our law clerks are invited to attend all of our office's training and continuing legal education sessions. Additionally, field trips are scheduled for the Hennepin County Crime Lab, the Hennepin County Medical Examiner, Hennepin County Jail (Public Safety Facility), the Juvenile Detention Center, Oak Park Heights and Shakopee prisons. They are also invited to an annual luncheon with the Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Minnesota. Additionally, the Fourth Judicial District Court presents a "Know Your Courts" 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 2019 Law Clerk Program

Law clerks are expected to work 40 hours/week during the summer at a rate of \$15/hour for the 12-week, summer program. Students invited to stay on during the school year are expected to work 15-20 hours/week.

On or after October 15, 2018, potential law clerk candidates must submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references by US Post or Email:



Law Clerk Program
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Email application materials to:
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER
31, 2018**

Any questions about our program may be directed to Kellie Charles (612) 348-4820 or Geoff Isaacman (612) 348-7891.