

Office of the Federal Defender Eastern District of California

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HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should send a cover letter explaining their interest in public defense, along with a resume and writing sample, to:

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OUR MISSION

We are defenders not just of individual clients but of freedom and constitutional rights. We represent a diverse group of clients charged with a variety of offenses, all of whom have one thing in common: the government is attempting to deprive them of their liberty. Some of the clients we represent are veterans who have served our country.

(Vietnam, 1966)

(Sacramento, 2016)



MISDEMEANOR UNIT CLERKS

Misdemeanor Unit Clerks will be primarily responsible for representing (under supervision) Federal Defender clients charged with federal misdemeanor offenses. Students will meet with clients, prepare and argue motions, direct investigations, conduct trials, and advocate at sentencing.

Misdemeanor Unit Clerks must have successfully completed classes in evidence and civil and

RESEARCH AND WRITING CLERKS

Research and writing clerks will assist felony, appellate, and habeas corpus attorneys with research, writing, and motions. They will also have the opportunity to attend, observe, and possibly participate in court hearings.

CAPITAL HABEAS UNIT (CHU) CLERKS (Sacramento Office Only)

Students will assist attorneys in research, organization, and investigation of habeas claims for clients currently facing a death penalty sentence.

We represent defendants charged in federal court with felonies and misdemeanors, before and after arrest, during trial, sentencing, and on appeal. We also represent inmates in appellate and both capital and non-capital habeas corpus proceedings.

We take great pride in helping shape the next generation of public defenders. We want to give them the necessary experience and skills to provide quality representation for clients all over the United States.

MISDEMEANOR BOOTCAMP

During the first week in June each year all summer clerks attend a week-long bootcamp where they will receive the training necessary for success throughout the summer. The bootcamp includes simulations to help law clerks become comfortable with tasks they will encounter. These training sessions are taught by multiple attorneys from the office and sometimes include other members of the court family.



EXAMPLE OF A DAY IN BOOTCAMP

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Client Interview Simulation
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Federal Criminal Discovery and Disclosure
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Yoga/Lunch
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Pretrial Motions
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Motion Argument Simulation



Law Clerks are invited to participate in other office activities including: Social mixers, Federal Defender softball games, farmers markets, yoga, attorney meetings, and brown bag lunches throughout the summer where additional training and insight into the life of a public defender is provided.

