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**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

The Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland seeks unpaid full-time interns for the summer in both our Baltimore and Greenbelt offices. We also can supervise externships, for which students receive course credit from their law schools. Interns and externs will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with trial and appellate attorneys as well as on-staff investigators. Interns primarily research legal issues and write memoranda for trial and appellate attorneys. Interns also may be asked to draft pleadings to be filed in the U.S. District Court, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals or U.S. Supreme Court. Past interns have visited detention centers to meet with clients and assisted with field investigations. Interns are encouraged to accompany lawyers to court proceedings. We include interns in staff meetings and strategy sessions. We try to expose our interns to all facets of the federal criminal process and indigent criminal defense work while helping students improve their research and writing skills.

**Qualifications.** We prefer to hire students who will have completed their second year of law school by the time the internship or externship begins, although we have hired interns and externs who have completed only one year of law school. Applicants should have an interest in criminal law and procedure generally and indigent defense and direct client representation specifically. Applicants need strong research and writing skills as well as the ability to adhere to deadlines. Interested students should send a cover letter, resume, (official or unofficial) transcript, and writing sample to Katherine Tang Newberger, senior litigation counsel, via email to [katherine\\_newberger@fd.org](mailto:katherine_newberger@fd.org).

**Deadlines.** Applications for summer positions should be submitted no later than January 31. Applications are reviewed and offers made on a rolling basis.

**About Us.** The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland represents individuals facing federal criminal charges who cannot afford to retain private counsel. We have offices in both Baltimore and Greenbelt. Our lawyers handle both misdemeanor and felony cases involving all types of federal offenses, including terrorism, gang violence, drug and gun crimes, fraud, political corruption and immigration violations. The court appoints us to represent clients at all phases of the federal criminal process, i.e., when the client is a target of a federal investigation but has not been indicted; once indicted; and on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.