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SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary phone and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

List the colleges, universities and law schools attended, and the dates and degrees earned.

Name	Dates	Degree Earned
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

List any law school honors (e.g., law review, moot court participation, clinic work, or class standing)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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List the classes you have taken related to criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence or constitutional law:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT/WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Please include a current resume with your application.*

**OTHER SKILLS**

List all of your skills and capabilities in the follow areas:

Command of languages other than English:

\_\_\_\_\_

Legal Research on either Westlaw or Lexis-Nexis:

\_\_\_\_\_

Word Processing:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Notable Skills:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Please list all instances, if any, in which you were arrested or charged in any criminal proceeding, or in which you the subject of school disciplinary action, or in which you were alleged in a civil proceeding to have engaged in illegal conduct or conduct alleged to involve moral turpitude, dishonesty, and/or unethical conduct.

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Application, resume, cover letter, references, and writing sample (if any) should be scanned and submitted as a single PDF document, sent by email to [bill\\_raymond@fd.org](mailto:bill_raymond@fd.org).

The deadline is February 15, 2019.

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### SUMMER LAW INTERNSHIPS

The Federal Defender for the Western District of Missouri seeks talented and motivated law students to join our office as summer interns. Our goal is to develop diversity in the legal field, and to provide students first-hand experience in and knowledge of public defense.

The FPD has offices in three cities, and a total staff of over 40, including 17 attorneys. We provide high-quality representation to indigent men and women (often from over-policed minority communities) who are charged with federal crimes in Western Missouri. Our representation includes investigation support and expert witness services.

Law student interns assist our attorneys and investigators at all stages of client representation, including interviewing clients and witnesses, reviewing and organizing discovery materials, researching federal constitutional and criminal law issues, drafting pleadings and appellate briefs, and preparing for hearings and trials. Interns are also able to attend continuing legal education and information programs offered by the FPD and the Court.

Students are expected to devote 40 hours per week in either a five-week or a ten-week program beginning June 5, 2019. Feedback will be provided during the program, as well as a formal evaluation at the conclusion of the program, if requested. Students will be stationed in Kansas City, Missouri but may have the opportunity to work with attorneys in Springfield and Jefferson City, Missouri. Students are required to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct and the FPD's confidentiality policy, and to act at all times in the best interest of the FPD's clients.

Students can expect the program to include several opportunities to learn about the federal criminal justice system and the individualized representation of indigent clients.

- Students will review discovery, research and draft memoranda and motions, and help develop trial and sentencing strategy. If requested, students will have the opportunity to work with our appellate and writing attorneys. Students can expect to work on a variety of federal cases including firearm possession, drug trafficking, bank robbery, and capital offenses. The FPD has a Capital Habeas Unit that represents state death row prisoners in their federal habeas actions, and students may have the opportunity to assist in those cases as well.
- Students will meet with clients, both in custody and on bond, and their families, to address issues such as housing, employment, immigration, health, family, and addiction issues.

- Students will attend court and accompany attorneys at the counsel table, participate in attorney training and CLE programs, and assist with fact and mitigation investigation. Qualified students may be able to enter a limited appearance in some cases.

This is an unpaid internship, however the FPD will work with your school to meet criteria for credit or other support, if available. Interested students must complete an application (available online) and submit it by email, along with a one-page cover letter explaining your interest in the office of the Federal Public Defender, a current resume, and two references or letters of recommendation. Writing samples of no more than five pages will also be accepted.

The Federal Public Defenders Office for the Western District of Missouri is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all applicable laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender or gender identity, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, marital/parental status, or any other status or classification protected by federal law. We encourage students of all backgrounds to apply.

An application and directions are available on our website, [mow.fd.org](http://mow.fd.org). The application deadline is February 15, 2019. Positions are filled on a rolling admission basis, with each applicant considered as soon as the application is complete. Please contact Bill Raymond, AFPD at 816-471-8282 with questions, and email materials to [bill\\_raymond@fd.org](mailto:bill_raymond@fd.org)