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Alameda County Public Defender's Office

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office, established in 1927, is one of the premier public defense offices in the United States. The Office's reputation for providing high level legal services to indigent clients is due to its historically rigorous professional and ethical standards.

Our mission is to zealously protect and defend the rights of our clients through compassionate and inspired legal representation, in pursuit of a fair and unbiased system of justice for all. Our team consists of over 100 attorneys, 40 support staff, 19 investigators, 10 social workers, and many more folks devoted to serving our clients. The entire team is led by Alameda County Public Defender Brendon D. Woods, who started in our office as a law clerk and has spent his entire career advocating for our clients. He is the first Black Public Defender in Alameda County's history.

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office is the preeminent provider of holistic public defense in California. With the addition of the first immigration unit to be embedded within a public defender office in California, a team of social workers and partners for justice fellows to assist clients, reentry programs that include a clean slate practice and voter registration for incarcerated folks (VOICE) and know-your-rights presentation to youth (LYRIC), we have expanded what it means to advocate for our clients. Our client-centered practice ensures that no one faces the government alone. We fight for our clients and help them navigate a complex and daunting legal system. By fighting for them, we protect the constitutional rights of everyone in our community.

College Internship Description

College Interns will provide support to our attorneys in the important work they are doing on behalf of our clients. Day to day tasks vary depending on which team the Intern is assigned to. Generally, interns will assist with trial preparation including discovery review (i.e. review of documents, audio/video surveillance and recordings, photographs, etc.), organizing trial materials or exhibits, assisting with note taking or drafting research memos. Interns may also assist our Law & Motion Team helping to draft or update training manuals, proofread legal motions, legal research, and other special projects. Interns may also be asked to help with administrative tasks like contacting clients, creating transcripts, filing, scanning documents, etc. Interns will get opportunities to attend and observe court hearings and trials.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to acpdrecruitment@acgov.org. This internship is unpaid. Interns must be available to work a minimum of 16 hrs./week in person. To learn more about the important work we do for clients please visit our website at: <https://publicdefender.acgov.org/>.