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Volunteer position description:

INVESTIGATIVE INTERN

Investigative Interns are accepted as volunteers while enrolled in college-level coursework in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Psychology, or a related field. The Department of the Public Defender's volunteer program provides exposure to adult and juvenile criminal cases, as well as providing practical investigation experience.

Typical activities of an Investigative Intern:

1. Assist attorneys and investigators with case organization and research.
2. Work with investigative staff in conducting court record checks, serving subpoenas and subpoena duces tecum, and obtaining school, medical or other confidential records.
3. Assist in the preparation of demonstrative evidence for presentation in court.
4. Accompany investigators on field interviews and attend court hearings.

Training: All new volunteers undergo extensive training, as well as receive ongoing mentoring from staff investigators and attorneys.

Commitment: A minimum commitment of **four (4) months at 12 hours per week** is required.

Locations: Central office in Downtown San Diego (MCO Internship only available downtown), branch offices in Chula Vista, El Cajon, Vista, and Juvenile Delinquency in Kearny Mesa.

Requirements: California driver's license, proof of current auto insurance, background check, completion of basic medical screening.

If you're interested, please submit your résumé, a transcript, and a letter of interest. For more information or to submit documents contact Departmental Investigative Internship coordinators at:

pdi@sdcounty.ca.gov



Department of the Public Defender

In 1988, the San Diego County **Board of Supervisors** voted to create an office with the mission of providing quality legal assistance to individuals charged with a crime in state court who are financially unable to retain private counsel. Thus the **Office of the Public Defender** was established. The current Department Director is Paul Rodriguez. The largest division in the Department is the **Primary Public Defender** and the current Chief Deputy is Jo Super.

On occasion, more than one person is charged with the commission of the same crime. It would be a conflict of interest for the same office to represent all defendants charged in the case. As a result, the Board of Supervisors voted and established a second public defender office in 1990. This office is called the **Alternate Public Defender (APD)**. APD's current Chief Deputy is Peter Will.

In 2005, the **Multiple Conflicts Office - Major Cases (MCO)** was created to represent people who are charged with only the most complicated and serious homicide and special circumstances cases throughout the County and accept court appointments that the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender are unable to accept due to a conflict of interest or other order of the court. MCO's current Chief Deputy is Amy Hoffman.

In 2009, the County of San Diego consolidated indigent defense services (Primary Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, Multiple Conflict Office, Juvenile Justice, & Office of Assigned Counsel) into one County Department. While these offices were combined, they each stand as independent and ethically separate divisions of the Department of the Public Defender and our attorneys do not share case information or otherwise interact with attorneys from the separate divisions.

Mission:

"To protect the rights, liberties, and dignity of all persons in San Diego County and maintain the integrity and fairness of the American Justice System by providing the finest legal representation in the cases entrusted to us."

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