

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Law Student Intern/Extern

The Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Florida seeks unpaid part-time interns in our Tallahassee office for the fall and spring semesters and full-time interns for the summer. We 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 attorneys and our on-staff investigator. Interns primarily research legal issues and write memoranda for trial attorneys. Interns also may be asked to draft pleadings to be filed in the U.S. District Court, visit detention centers to meet with clients, and assist with field investigations. Interns are strongly encouraged to accompany lawyers to court proceedings. Our goal is to expose interns to all facets of the federal criminal legal system and indigent criminal defense work while helping students improve their research and writing skills.

Qualifications

Applicants must have completed a law school course in evidence. Applicants should have an interest in indigent defense and direct client representation. Applicants need strong research and writing skills and the ability to adhere to deadlines. Interested students should send a cover letter, resume, transcript (official or unofficial), and writing sample to **Assistant Federal Public Defender Elizabeth Vallejo** either by mail (227 N. Bronough Street, Suite 4200, Tallahassee, FL 32301) or e-mail (Elizabeth_vallejo@fd.org).

The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability or age are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations are available to applicants with disabilities.

Deadlines

To be considered for a fall internship/externship, applications should be submitted by July 1. To be considered for a spring internship/externship, applications should be sent by November 1. To be considered for a summer internship, applications should be sent by April 1. Applications are reviewed and offers are made on a rolling basis.