

How to Intern in a Federal Public Defender Office

Once you secure a position for the Fall or Spring, you are eligible to enroll in the following class:

Externship Focus: Criminal Defense/ 4 Credits/One Semester/Prof Ross

I - Washington DC Federal Defenders

How to apply for a placement

1. Submit a cover letter, resume, and legal writing sample by email to:
Dani Jahn
Assistant Federal Public Defender
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Ste. 550
Washington, D.C. 20004
Email: Dani.Jahn@fd.org
 2. **Deadlines.** The deadline for applications is as follows:
Fall due - Aug. 1
Spring due - Dec. 1
(Summer due - Feb. 1 – only general extern class available in summer)
 3. Applications proceed on a rolling basis
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II – Maryland Federal Defenders

How to apply for a placement

1. Submit a transcript, and writing sample (Email or regular mail) to:
Katherine Tang Newberger, Senior Litigation Counsel
100 S. Charles Street, Tower II, 9th Floor,
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
Email: katherine.newberger@fd.org
 2. **Deadlines.** The deadline for applications is as follows:
Fall due - July 1.
Spring due - Nov 1
(Summer due - Feb. 1 only general extern class available in summer)
 3. Applications are reviewed and offers are made on a rolling basis.
 4. Note- you can apply to work at the Southern Division Office in Greenbelt, MD
 5. **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.
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Once you have your position, it is time to apply for the HUSL externship
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- **Apply online:**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegi9N3o0nu0tvCfPDPVCZbJNvT5pxII-jyGqzNaYZK72ICDQ/viewform>
- Once you are accepted into the externship, your name will be forwarded to the law school registrar's office so you can officially sign up for the course.
- Course Schedule - Try to keep two full days open for this placement as you will be working 15 hours per week.

Questions?

- Feel free to email Josephine Ross - jross.howardlaw@gmail.com