

A few of the most popular Criminal Law and Law Enforcement placements available through The Philadelphia Center:

The Defender Association of Philadelphia, Major Trials Intern: The Defender Association of Philadelphia is an independent, non-profit corporation created in 1934 by a group of Philadelphia lawyers who were dedicated to the ideal of high quality legal services for indigent criminal defendants. That ideal continues today, as some two hundred and fifteen full time assistant defenders represent clients in adult and juvenile state and federal trial and appellate courts and at civil and criminal mental health hearings as well as state and county violation of probation/parole hearings. Association attorneys also serve as the Child Advocate in neglect and dependency court. The Defender Association of Philadelphia represents approximately seventy percent of all persons arrested in Philadelphia. Major Trial Unit handles serious felony cases in jury trials. Intern will assist major trial attorney in organization and review of clients in violation of probation hearings; research and organize all clients' open criminal matters, obtain the police paperwork for these cases, and help trial attorney review information for depositions. Other duties include meeting with other attorneys and clients, assisting trial attorney with organization and preparation of trials, and may include online research. Opportunity for hands-on participation in the Philadelphia criminal court system--work on major felony jury trials and meet judges, lawyers, and clients. Candidates should have strong organization skills and an understanding of working with low-income individuals.

The District Attorney, Investigations Intern: The District Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer for the City and County of Philadelphia. By and through her Assistant District Attorneys, Lynne Abraham fights crime by prosecuting criminals and fighting for the rights of victims. The District Attorney's office is responsible for the prosecution of over 70,000 criminal cases yearly and oversees a professional staff of 300 assistant district attorneys and 275 support staff. The Investigations Division investigates complaints that are made directly to the District Attorney's Office and initiates inquiries, which may involve the use of an investigating grand jury, into areas that raise a suspicion of criminality. The scope of the work done by the Division is wide-ranging and includes white-collar crime, consumer fraud, welfare fraud, unemployment compensation fraud, official corruption and insurance fraud. Legal Assistant in the Investigations Division will get a good overview of the criminal justice system in action. Opportunity to assist ADA in developing and prosecuting individual cases.

Family Court, Juvenile Branch; Parole Officer Intern: The Family Division, sometimes referred to as Family Court, is one of the three major divisions of the Court of Common Pleas. The Family Division is composed of two major divisions or branches: the Juvenile Division and the Domestic Relations Division. The Juvenile Court hears the following cases involving juveniles: (1) delinquency cases involving offenders under 18 charged with misdemeanor or felony offenses, (2) dependency cases involving abused or neglected children or incorrigibility, and (3) criminal cases involving an adult offender and a juvenile victim, and (4) termination of parental

rights and adoption cases. The PO Intern will receive an in-depth orientation to juvenile justice, work with probation staff to provide enhanced supervision to involved youth.

Nicholas A. Clemente, PC; Legal Intern: Small general litigation firm: 11 attorneys specialize in all types of civil and criminal trial law. Excellent opportunity for exposure to many types of law in friendly supportive environment. Student helps prepare cases, attends court, does legal research.

Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole – West, Parole Intern: Juvenile Branch of Family Court is responsible for all cases involving children, including dependent, delinquent, and child victimization cases. In-depth orientation to juvenile justice, work with probation staff to provide enhanced supervision to involved youth. The Community Based Probation West is a branch of the Philadelphia County Family Court System that handles juveniles who are on probation within a specific geographic location. Most of the children who live within the 19143 or 19139 zip codes and are on probation come to this office to meet with his/her probation officer. Juvenile Probation Officer Intern is responsible for conducting social investigations; holding meetings with juveniles, parents, and counselors; appearing in court on behalf of juveniles when appropriate; administering drug tests; doing home visits; checking school attendance records of each juvenile in the caseload; and helping other probation officers with their day-to-day responsibilities. Working in this office is demanding and most of the duties consist of making phone calls, filling out forms, entering information into the court's computer system, and checking up on each juvenile to see if he/she is cooperating with the terms of his/her probation. Candidates should be organized, thorough, and caring individuals who are respectful and responsible of the young people in the caseload. Wonderful opportunity to learn how the justice system works and how social systems impact the lives of individuals, gain exposure to counseling techniques, hone interviewing, organizational, and time management skills.

Pennsylvania Prison Society; Caseworker/Advocate: The Pennsylvania Prison Society, founded on fundamentals embedded in the United States Constitution, has been an unwavering voice for justice and humanity for more than two centuries. The Pennsylvania Prison Society's mission is to advocate for a humane, just and restorative correctional system, and to promote a rational approach to criminal justice issues. This reform agency works to improve state and county prisons and to promote alternatives to incarceration. Caseworker/Advocates are involved in prison visits, advocacy, community service, and professional publications. Student gains understanding of inmates, and families/friends of prisoners. Opportunity to learn about inmate rights and prison administration.

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