

**OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

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The Office of the Federal Public Defender contains two units: the Trial Unit, which represents indigent persons charged with violations of federal criminal statutes, and the Capitol Habeas Unit (CHU), which represents Tennessee death row inmates seeking federal habeas corpus relief from their capital convictions and death sentences. Our office currently employs 21 attorneys, 10 investigators, and 18 support staff.

Each unit sponsors a summer internship program (8-10 weeks) as well as semester externships for law school credit. Our interns perform legal research and writing for motions, memoranda, and briefs. We encourage interns to attend court hearings, trials, meetings with clients, and field investigation with our investigators. In addition, we hold in-house seminars on various aspects of criminal practice and organize a handful of social events throughout the summer to give interns an opportunity to network with our staff. We seek qualified applicants with strong research and writing skills, and an interest in indigent criminal defense or death penalty work. **Our internships are largely in person, though we support some remote work. We can accommodate a few remote-only interns.**

Our internships are unpaid. **Parking in downtown Nashville is expensive! Unfortunately, while we can reimburse intern public transportation expenses, we cannot reimburse parking costs.** Students may wish to secure class credit for their work with us, or apply for any public interest fellowship or stipend that may be available through your law school.

**Applications should include: (1) cover letter; (2) resume; (3) writing sample; and (4) law school transcript (need not be official) all saved in one PDF.**

**Trial Unit Internship:** please send materials to Molly Rose Green ([molly\\_green@fd.org](mailto:molly_green@fd.org)).

**CHU Internship:** please send materials to Kit Thomas ([kit\\_thomas@fd.org](mailto:kit_thomas@fd.org)).

Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials as early as possible. Semester and summer offers are given on a rolling basis.