



Volunteer Internship Opportunity 2027 Post-Bar Positions Available

The Office of the City Attorney, Criminal and Community Justice Division, is excited to offer volunteer internships for recent law school graduates (post-bar) and for current third-year law students (3Ls) who will be taking the February 2027 or the July 2027 California Bar Examination.

The Division prosecutes criminal misdemeanors and infractions committed within San Diego City limits, including cases that the community has identified as important to quality of life. Deputies in the Division prepare and prosecute cases by handling a variety of motions, misdemeanor jury trials, and conducting legal research. Post-bar interns assist with researching, writing, and arguing pretrial motions, jury trial preparation, and other special projects as assigned. Post-bar interns confer with witnesses and victims of crimes and may have an opportunity to first-chair motions, evidentiary hearings, and jury trials. All work is completed under the direct supervision of a deputy city attorney.

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain courtroom experience, mentorship from experienced prosecutors, exposure to criminal cases, trial preparation, and victim advocacy. The interns will receive comprehensive training to prepare them for a career in prosecution. This unpaid volunteer position offers a unique opportunity to gain invaluable legal experience while working alongside practicing attorneys.

To qualify for this internship position, candidates should have excellent legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills. Passion for criminal law, public service and justice, and the ability to work under pressure in a fast-paced environment is highly desired. Candidates should be detail-oriented, be able to prioritize assignments, independently manage a heavy workload, and demonstrate good judgment and initiative.

The spring post-bar internship begins on March 8, 2027, and ends in May when the California Bar Exam results are released. The fall post-bar internship begins on August 16, 2027, and concludes in November on the release of the California Bar Exam results. During this time frame, post-bar interns should anticipate volunteering approximately 35-40 hours per week for at least 10-12 weeks. The internship will be conducted in-person during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To apply for the post-bar position, please submit a letter of interest, a current resume, an unofficial transcript, and a short writing sample (maximum 10 pages). Applicants should submit their application materials to CityAttyInternprog@sandiego.gov.

We look forward to your application!

Address cover letters to:
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