



**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE**  
for the District of Columbia



**CRIMINAL LAW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Application 2010-2011

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(current address is valid until): \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND MAIL TO: (check one)  CURRENT  PERMANENT

CURRENT PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

You must commit to a minimum of 12 weeks unless given prior approval from the Internship Office. Your start date must coincide with the internship dates listed below. **The first week of the program is mandatory training.** Your application must be received in the Internship Office on or before the "Deadline to Submit Application" for that session in order to be guaranteed consideration. Applications are received and decisions are made on a rolling basis at the time they are received. It is highly recommended that serious candidates for any session submit their applications as soon as possible.

SELECT YOUR PROPOSED INTERNSHIP DATE: (see below) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Internship Start Date Internship End Date

ALTERNATE INTERNSHIP DATE: (see below) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Internship Start Date Internship End Date

	Fall Semester 2010:	Winter 2010/ Spring 2011:	Spring Quarter 2011:	Summer Semester 2011:
<b>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION:</b>	must be received on or before August 2nd, 2010	must be received on or before December 11th, 2010	must be received on or before February 12th, 2011	must be received on or before March 1st, 2011
<b>INTERNSHIP DATES:</b> <small>*internship dates are subject to change.</small>	1. August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 – November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 2. September 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2010- December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	1. January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2011 – March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 2. January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2011- April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 3. February 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 – April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	1. March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 – June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2011	1. May 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 – July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 2. May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2011 – August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 3. June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 – August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 4. June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 – Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2011

AVAILABILITY\*: \_\_\_\_\_ FULL-TIME (40+ hrs/wk) \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 PART TIME (25-35 hrs/wk)

*\*A minimum of 24 hours per week is required. Preference is given to applicants who can devote full-time hours.*

**AREAS OF INTEREST:** We are seeking interns for each of the following divisions. Please number your selections 1, 2, 3, indicating your first, second, and third choices only (see [www.pdsdc.org](http://www.pdsdc.org) for full descriptions). Please keep in mind that you may not be assigned to your first choice. Decisions will be based on the needs of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

COMMUNITY DEFENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ PAROLE: \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL LITIGATION: \_\_\_\_\_ TRIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ CUM. G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR (Circle one) :      FR.      SO.      JR.      SR.                      GRAD. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE/LAW SCHOOL (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/SPECIALIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL THIS INTERNSHIP BE FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT AT YOUR SCHOOL?: \_\_\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_\_\_no

NUMBER OF CREDITS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF COURSE/PROGRAM AWARDING CREDITS: \_\_\_\_\_

FACULTY ADVISOR FOR CREDIT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INVESTIGATIVE ASSETS

WILL YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR FOR THE ENTIRE INTERNSHIP?      \_\_\_\_\_Yes      \_\_\_\_\_No

*\*Preference will be given to applicants who have access to a car for the program. Reimbursement of work-related travel expenses is available. See program [informational bulletin](http://www.pdsdc.org) for explanation on [www.pdsdc.org](http://www.pdsdc.org)*

ARE YOU FLUENT IN A SECOND LANGUAGE? (Specify):      \_\_\_\_\_Yes      \_\_\_\_\_No

If yes, specify language \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Preference will be given to applicants who are fluent in a needed language.*

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## APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

1. Please attach a current resume and cover letter to application packet.
2. Letters of recommendation are encouraged but not required. Recommendations must be submitted with the application packet.

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## REFERENCES

NOTE: PLEASE LIST TWO REFERENCES WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR JOB OR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY PORTION OF APPLICATION

The following fact pattern is designed to help the selection committee identify candidates who have the potential to be good defense investigators; that is, to find those who are creative, who have excellent writing skills and an eye for detail, and who have the basic skills to handle such an independent, people oriented job. You will need to attach your own paper to this application form. Please make sure that each page has your name and the correct page number.

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### Fact Pattern

Our client, Rodney Banks, was arrested and accused of armed robbery. Mr. Banks is 20 years old, 6'2", 180 pounds and walks with a pronounced limp. Mr. Banks lives at 1701 Bay Street, SE in Washington, DC. Mr. Banks was wearing blue jeans, a white t-shirt, a gray sweatshirt, and black boots at the time he was arrested.

The document given at the time of client's presentment consists of the following information:

*On 2/9/09 at approximately 8:30 AM, the complainant, James Wilson, reported to the Metropolitan Police Department that he was robbed. The complainant stated that he was walking on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, SE toward Eastern Sr. High School when he heard someone yell, "Hey, wait up!" The complainant looked back to see who had yelled, but he did not recognize the person so he continued to walk. According to the complainant, the defendant ran up to him and began to walk beside him. The defendant said, "Give me your coat." The complainant replied, "Whatever." The defendant stopped walking and said, "Give me your coat or I will kill you." The complainant said that he stopped walking and turned around to face the defendant who was aiming a gun at his face. The complainant gave his coat (a black North Face ski jacket) to the defendant. The defendant put his gun in his pants and ran away. The complainant ran to school and immediately reported the incident to the principal, who then called the police. When two MPD officers arrived, the complainant explained what happened and described the person that stole his jacket as a tall and thin man with a medium complexion wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, dark pants, and black Nike boots. The officers canvassed the area and found someone matching the description given by the complainant. A show-up identification was conducted and the complainant positively identified the defendant as the person who stole his jacket. The defendant was arrested based on the show-up identification by the complainant.*

Our client, Mr. Banks, denies any knowledge of the incident. He claims that he was at the Safeway on 14<sup>th</sup> and E Street, SE with his girlfriend at the time the incident occurred. Mr. Banks said that he was arrested while he was walking to his neighbor's house to pick up his son.

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Provide a theory of defense and an explanation of what the defense could say happened. What reasons can you find to explain why the complainant (c/w) may have identified your client as the suspect in this case? What kinds of evidence would seem to support or contradict each one of these reasons?

Outline the steps you would take to investigate the case for the defense\*. Please keep in mind that in the District of Columbia, the defense is only entitled to a basic police report with the name and address of the complaining witness. Specify who you would interview, how you would find them, and what questions you would ask them. What documents, other than the police report, would you need to examine during your investigation? Please include any other investigative steps you would take to get as much information as possible about this incident.

\* Please note you do NOT need any legal background to answer this fact pattern.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Career Office \_\_\_\_\_ Publication \_\_\_\_\_ Internet \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include the name of the individual/office/publication/website/other): \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain (use a separate page if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU APPLYING TO OR DO YOU HAVE AN OFFER FROM A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT? (Please provide information whether the application or offer is for an internship or other temporary work or is for permanent employment. Examples of law enforcement agencies in the District of Columbia are the DC Metropolitan Police Department, the DC Office of the Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, the Capitol Police, the U.S. Park Police, the Secret Service, and the FBI. This information is necessary to perform conflict checks consistent with our obligations under the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. Answering yes to this question will not disqualify you from the PDS internship program. Depending on the results of the conflicts check, it may affect your work assignment within our program.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain (use a separate page if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Criminal Law Internship Program information in its entirety. I certify that the information I have given in this application is my own, and is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and/or typed name for electronic submission of application

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number (to be used for background check purposes only)

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**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Do not leave any answers blank; please answer “n/a” if not applicable.

Send your completed application, which includes: the application form, your resume, your cover letter, your essay responses, and any letters of recommendation via fax, email or mail to:

**Criminal Law Internship Program for the  
Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia  
633 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004 USA  
phone: 202-628-1200 or 800-341-2582  
fax: 202-824-2618  
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[www.pdsdc.org](http://www.pdsdc.org)**