Public Defender Externship

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PUBLIC DEFENDER EXTERNSHIP: Students represent indigent clients through various Public Defender offices in Central Florida in all phases of the criminal justice system under the direct supervision of Assistant Public Defenders. Student externs represent court-appointed clients before real judges and against real prosecutors. Student externs participate in all phases of representation from client interviews to jury trials. Students handle client interviews, factual investigations, legal research and writing tasks, preliminary hearings and motions, and trials. Bi-weekly on-site visits are conducted throughout the semester by the clinic faculty. On-site visits are conducted throughout the semester by the faculty. This externship will only be available during the summer sessions.

Pre-requisite: Trial Practice, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law and FL Bar Clearance Letter.
Credits: 6
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