



Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Criminal Law Division Legal Internship

The Criminal Law Division investigates and prosecutes crimes on behalf of the Commonwealth. Specifically, OAG's Criminal Division has jurisdiction over crimes relating to the public duties of state officials and employees, corrupt organizations, Medicaid Fraud, charges referred by a Commonwealth agency, presentments returned by an Investigating Grand Jury, and any matter referred by a District Attorney due to lack of resources or a conflict of interest. Recently, the Criminal Law Division has been prominently involved in combatting high-volume drug trafficking and sales, combatting gun violence, holding environmental criminals responsible, and pursuing child predators.

Criminal Division Interns work closely with attorney mentors at the highest level on investigations and prosecutions. They gain critical skills in research, legal writing, evidence collection, and analysis, plea negotiations, trial preparation, and more. Though still law students, interns can also become certified to assist attorneys in court. Criminal Division interns participate in both office-wide educational programs about ethics and public service law, and topical educational talks by professionals within the division on topics such as evidence handling and the Grand Jury process. Interns graduate with a deep appreciation and understanding of the work that goes into keeping Pennsylvanians safe from dangerous criminals.

If selected, interns are offered a position with a specific section based on the applicant's background and preferences.

Possible placements include:

Drug Strike Force | Statewide

Asset Forfeiture & Money Laundering | Statewide

Criminal Appeals | Statewide

Organized Crime | North Huntingdon, Norristown

Environmental Crimes | Statewide

Insurance Fraud | Harrisburg

Medicaid Fraud | Harrisburg

Specific Responsibilities of Criminal Division Interns may include:

- Conducting legal and factual research and communicating findings;
- Drafting legal pleadings, motions, petitions, responses, discovery requests, etc;
- Assisting prosecutors with trial preparation;
- Traveling to court to observe court proceedings and assist attorneys on trial days;
- Other duties as may be required.

Qualifications:

- Must have completed at least 1L year of law school at time of internship;
- Must be currently enrolled in and in good standing with an accredited JD program;
- Strong academic credentials, legal research, and writing skills.

Application Requirements:

- Download and fill out the Internship Preferences Form from: <http://bit.ly/2IX6WzY>.
- Apply online at <http://bit.ly/2Ar4e9Z>. Attach the Preferences Form, cover letter, resume, legal writing sample, and copies of transcripts from all colleges attended to the online application.
- If selected, applicants will be required to submit to a thorough background investigation.

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