

Law Offices of Robert Lockwood, Public Defender, 16th Judicial Circuit, Monroe County Indigent-Defense Internship Program

The Law Offices of Robert Lockwood, Public Defender, 16th Judicial Circuit, Monroe County Indigent-Defense Internship Program is suited for students in law school, and post-secondary education students interested in the field of litigation and law practice with a particular focus on court appointed indigent criminal defense work and public service. Interns will have exposure to a variety of legal issues and processes necessary in representing indigent clients accused of crimes or otherwise caught up in the criminal justice system.

Interns will be paired with a supervising attorney to maximize experience based on interest and availability. Currently, interns are assigned the Intake, Juvenile, Misdemeanor, and Felony divisions.

Interns are expected to assist their supervising attorney (and other associate attorneys as appropriate) in all aspects of case preparation. Interns assist in many of the following areas: discovery depositions; legal and investigative research; contact with clients and witnesses, including at the jail; crime scene visits; and observing court hearings, particularly motion hearing and jury trials. “Certified Legal Interns” are given additional opportunities to speak on the record, argue certain motions, and assist in trial with supervision and the consent of clients.

The Law Offices of Robert Lockwood, Public Defender, 16th Judicial Circuit, Monroe County Indigent-Defense Internship Program offers the intern valuable experience working alongside experienced attorneys with real-world impact on clients. Interns also work closely with and around other assistant public defenders, private defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, and sitting judges, through their individual assignments. Interns often enhance both their oral and written skills, gain confidence in their own knowledge of criminal law and procedure, as well as enjoying unique perspectives with expectations of this office if considering future employment.

Interested applicants should submit their resume, a cover letter expressing their interest, law school transcripts, writing sample, and other application materials to Administrative Director Kim Kocis: kkocis@pd16.org