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FORENSIC SPECIALIST INTERN - FORENSICS DIVISION

VOLUNTEER FORENSIC INTERN DESCRIPTION: The Maryland Office of the Public Defender is seeking recent graduates of a Masters in Forensic Science program to volunteer as Forensic Specialists assisting the attorneys in the Forensics Division.

The Forensics Division evaluates forensic scientific evidence in criminal cases at the pre-trial, appellate, and post conviction levels. Forensic Specialists are teamed with attorneys and assist in all aspects of those attorneys' review of the forensic science evidence, including DNA, serology, latent fingerprints, firearm/toolmark, footwear impression, and other disciplines. A Forensic Specialist will assist in identifying and working with national experts in these fields to ensure that the reliability and relevancy of forensic science evidence is comprehensively evaluated in a case.

These are unpaid volunteer positions; however, where appropriate and applicable, OPD is willing to provide supervision to students who have obtained public interest grants and for those credit. The OPD accepts volunteer applications for the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The volunteers will work in Baltimore City, at 6 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE: case review of forensic scientific evidence; researching science journals; interviewing laboratory analysts; participating in case reviews; assisting in identifying and selecting experts; interfacing with experts; and consulting with trial attorneys

HOW TO APPLY: Persons interested in applying should visit our website at www.opd.state.md.us and complete the volunteer application form located under our Careers page and opportunities for current law students and under opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Indicate your interest by listing "Forensics" as your first choice on our Application form.

Please **email** the application, along with a current resume, writing sample, cover letter, and list of three references to: Johanna Leshner, Recruitment Director, recruit1@opd.state.md.us