



# Riverside County District Attorney's Summer Externship Program

Riverside County is the 10<sup>th</sup> most populous county in the nation. The Office of the District Attorney for the County of Riverside is the primary criminal prosecution agency serving approximately 2.47 million residents. The District Attorney's Summer Externship Program offers a unique opportunity for future Riverside County Career Prosecutors to be exposed to true prosecution work. The externship begins with a weeklong intensive training program that includes advanced courses in prosecutorial ethics, legal research and writing, evidence, criminal procedure, and oral advocacy. Upon completing the training program, 1L externs handle a wide variety of true legal research and writing assignments on real cases. Each assignment is for a different prosecutor in a different prosecution unit, causing the extern to be challenged with every task and to be able to work with numerous Deputy District Attorneys in a wide range of prosecution units. 1L externs also participate in an oral advocacy training program throughout the summer. 2L externs, after having completed the weeklong training program, are assigned to a vertical prosecution unit in our Riverside Office or officewide at our other locations. 2L externs must be certified by the California State Bar to appear in court. These high performing externs have their own caseload and are expected to handle their cases like an experienced prosecutor. They review cases, subpoena witnesses, put on preliminary and other evidentiary hearings, draft and argue motions, negotiate cases, and many complete as first-chair a misdemeanor jury trial, all in accordance with the California State Bar's Practical Training of Law Students program. At the conclusion of the summer, all 1L and 2L externs countywide are invited to participate in our Summer Extern Closing Argument Competition.

## About the Riverside County District Attorney's Office

The District Attorney of Riverside County, as the public prosecutor acting on behalf of the People of California, enforces the law, pursues the truth, and safeguards the rights of all to ensure justice is done on behalf of the community. The District Attorney works with every component of the criminal justice system to defend the innocent, to convict and appropriately punish the guilty, and to protect the rights of victims. The District Attorney also works within our community to prevent and deter crime and to promote public safety, now and for future generations. The DA's Office, is made up of over 700 staff, including approximately 250 prosecutors.

## Externs May Select to be Placed at One of the Following Office Locations:

### City of Riverside

(Our largest office, located in the county seat)

### City of Indio

(The 2nd largest office located in the Coachella Valley near Palm Springs & Stagecoach/Music Festival venues)

### City of Murrieta

(Located in Temecula Wine Country)

### City of Banning

(Located in our Mid-County region, it is our fastest growing area within the county)

### City of Blythe

(Located near the Colorado River on the California/Arizona border)

