

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

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The Federal Public Defender for the District of New Mexico is accepting applications for internship positions for the summer of 2022. This position will be in the Albuquerque Office. The Federal Public Defender operates under the authority of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. §3006A, to provide defense services for indigent persons in federal criminal cases and related matters in the federal courts.

**Primary Internship duties**

Summer interns will receive hands-on experience in criminal defense practice. Interns may help trial attorneys research legal issues, conduct witness interviews, draft motions, and assist in trial preparation. Interns may also work with the office's appellate attorneys on projects such as drafting memoranda, working on appellate pleadings, and drafting petitions for certiorari to the Supreme Court. A supervisory attorney will monitor intern assignments in each office and interns can expect to work with more than one attorney during their internships.

This is a great opportunity for rising 2L or 3L law students to gain valuable experience in criminal defense practice. The FPD is a busy, fast-paced office with cases drawn from all over New Mexico. Our office handles a wide-variety of cases, including Indian Country cases (murder, manslaughter, aggravated sexual abuse, assault), guns, drugs (wiretap/undercover, highway stops, interstate train and bus searches), robberies (bank, Hobbs Act), immigration (illegal re-entry, alien smuggling), fraud, threats, supervised release violations, and appeals.

**Qualifications**

Applicants must have completed at least their first year of law school. This internship has a requirement at least 20 hours per week for 10 weeks but interns have the option of working up to 40 hours per week. Final offer is subject to a satisfactory background investigation. In **one** PDF document, please submit a statement of interest and detailed resume of experience with at least three references to:

Melissa Read, Administrative Officer  
[FDNM-HR@fd.org](mailto:FDNM-HR@fd.org)  
Reference 2021-intern in the subject.

Applications must be received by October 1, 2021. Several internship positions are available. The Federal Public Defender is an equal opportunity employer. We seek individuals who will promote the diversity of the office and federal practice.

**No phone calls please. Submissions not following this format will not be considered. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.**