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### **Law Student Internship and Certified Legal Intern Program**

#### **Program Overview:**

Individuals who intern with the State Attorney's Office have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with attorneys who prosecute various types of cases. The office is comprised of a wide variety of trial units and prosecutes a wide range of criminal cases including: misdemeanors, felonies, economic crime, domestic violence, juvenile crime, sexual battery, career criminal, 10-20 Life, organized crime, drug trafficking, traffic homicide, homicide and appeals. Interns will be assigned to one of the divisions within the office for the duration of their internship.

#### **Role of an intern:**

Interns will assist the assistant state attorneys with legal research, pre-trial motion and trial preparation, case discovery, and drafting of court pleadings. Interns will also work with assistant state attorneys on a variety of subject matters and issues. Interns will have the opportunity to observe depositions and pre-trial conferences and are encouraged to attend court proceedings and inter-office training sessions to learn about the prosecutor's role in the criminal justice system. The program lasts approximately 8 to 12 weeks, depending on the semester.

Certified Legal Interns will be directly supervised by an assistant state attorney and get hands-on experience as a practicing entry-level prosecutor with their own assigned caseload and courtroom responsibilities, including motion practice and trials.

#### **Who qualifies:**

The Broward State Attorney's Office welcomes law students who have completed their first semester and have demonstrated a strong academic record. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited law school at least half time. Due to the nature of the work done at the State Attorney's Office, intern applicants must pass a required background check. This background check can take up to three months to complete. Applicants must be able to commit to a minimum of 240 hours over the course of the semester. CLIs must be cleared by the Florida Bar and certified by the Florida Supreme Court. Interested students should meet with their school's Clinical or Externship Office early on in their law school career to begin the application process and register for the school's prerequisites.

#### **Salary:**

Interns are not compensated for their work with the State Attorney's Office. School credit is possible, at the discretion of the law school. Parking is available and costs are covered by the office. CLIs are eligible to be paid \$22/hour, if permitted by their law school program.

**Application Process:**

Applicants are required to submit the following documents via e-mail to [aortiz@sao17.state.fl.us](mailto:aortiz@sao17.state.fl.us)

- Employment application and background release forms <https://browardsao.com/employment/>
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Current law school transcript
- Legal writing sample (5-7 pages)

All documents should be sent in PDF format. The subject line of the e-mail should specify that the applicant is applying for the Internship Program and indicate the semester and year (e.g., Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, etc.). The cover letter should be addressed to the ASA in Charge Retention, Recruitment and Training, Kerrie Harper, and should indicate the applicant’s top three division preferences (listed in paragraph one).

Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered. Applicants will also participate in a Zoom interview with ASA in Charge of Retention, Recruitment and Training Kerrie Harper; interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of application. Acceptance decisions are expected within 30 days after application deadline.

**Application Deadlines / Start Dates:**

Application deadlines and start dates for each semester are below:

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Applications due by</u>	<u>Anticipated program start date</u>
Fall	August 1	Begins after Labor Day
Spring	November 1	Begins mid-January
Summer	March 14	Begins after Memorial Day