

Summer 2024

Maryland Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program

To apply: Please send your resume and cover letter as a single pdf to Rebba Omer at ro295@georgetown.edu. Please be sure to indicate in the subject line of your email, as well as in your cover letter that you are applying for the Maryland internship.

Apply today for the 2024 Maryland Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program, sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Region of The Gault Center: Defenders of Youth Rights (formerly known as the Mid-Atlantic Juvenile Defender Center). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Through the Maryland Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program, a **law student** intern will work collaboratively with a youth defense attorney supervisor **based in Charles County** to create resources aimed at increasing racial justice advocacy in youth defense. The intern will also assist in youth defense casework.

Work Responsibilities

Racial Justice Project (186 hours over the course of the summer):

The intern will work at the direction of an attorney supervisor based at the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in Charles County to contribute research (including data and social science sources, as well as traditional legal research) and writing to develop resources that raise the level of practice of youth defense attorneys and increase access to justice for youth of color at all stages of a case. Where appropriate, the resources the intern creates will be shared with defense attorneys across the Mid-Atlantic region.

These resources, related to ending racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile legal system, may include:

- Sample motions and legal memoranda
- Training materials, including annotated bibliographies or one-page explainers
- 50-state surveys of law on specific issues
- Data summaries and infographics
- Policy reports

Case Work (186 hours over the course of the summer):

- In addition to completing a racial justice project, the intern will also assist their attorney supervisor with all aspects of a youth defense caseload.
- Responsibilities could include: legal research; drafting motions and memoranda; case planning; investigation; witness coordination; reviewing discovery; and preparation for trials/hearings.

Funding and Hours

- The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Gault Center will provide a \$3200 stipend for 186 hours of racial justice work (described above). **The selected intern will need to secure independent/outside funding (e.g. through their law school's summer public interest funding) for the casework portion of the internship (an additional 186 hours).**
- Start and end dates will be set by agreement between the intern and the supervisor, beginning no sooner than May 1, 2024 and ending no later than September 1, 2024.
- This is an in-person internship based in Charles County, Maryland. Remote work may be allowed on occasion at the discretion of the supervisor.