

Summer 2024

Virginia Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program

Apply today for the 2024 Virginia Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program, sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Region of The Gault Center: Defenders of Youth Rights (MARGC) and the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC). *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 that you are applying for the Virginia internship. One internship position is available for Virginia. The selected intern can choose to be based at the public defender office in Lynchburg, Norfolk, Portsmouth, or Warrenton. Please indicate in your cover letter where you would like to be based if selected for the internship. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.*

Through the Virginia Racial Justice and Youth Defense Internship Program, a **law student** intern will work collaboratively with a Virginia youth defense attorney supervisor 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:

The intern will work at the direction of their attorney supervisor 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:

- 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 intern will be paid a stipend totaling \$3200 for 186 hours of work on the racial justice project. Funding for an additional 186 hours of casework will be provided by the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission.
- 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. Remote work may be allowed on occasion at the discretion of the supervisor.