



OFFICE OF
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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OFFICE RESUME

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The Riverside County district attorney hires 2Ls and 3Ls during fall on-campus interviews for clerking positions in Riverside for the following summer and fall (after the July Bar). Those 3Ls who complete a successful fall clerkship may be offered deputy district attorney positions upon admission to the California Bar. We also participate in fall on-campus interviews at various law schools and in the Los Angeles job-fair sponsored by NBLSA, the Loyola Government Fair, and the LA Consortium (Boston College, Boston University, George Washington, Northwestern, and the University of Texas).

We hire 1Ls for summer clerkships in the main office in Riverside. (Those interviews are held in our office between winter break and February.) Applications for attorney positions are accepted throughout the year from attorneys and recent graduates who are awaiting Bar results.

Successful applicants historically have ranked near the top one-third of their class, have participated in competitive activities at the undergraduate level, and have shown outstanding achievement in moot court or mock trial in law school.

THE OFFICE

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office serves the citizens of the fastest-growing county in California and the United States. Countywide – in three main offices (Riverside, Indio, Murrieta) and in the Banning, Blythe, Corona, and Juvenile branch offices – 220 attorneys prosecute violations of state law in 48 superior court departments. About 175 attorneys prosecute adult criminal cases plus the 40 who civilly and criminally prosecute white collar crimes or juvenile matters.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Riverside, the fifth-largest California county in size and population, stretches east to the Colorado River and west to within 13 miles of the Pacific Ocean. The main office is in the City of Riverside (pop. 300,000), the county seat and one of 24 incorporated cities in the county. Riverside is a vibrant city that retains a small-community atmosphere and offers affordable housing. It is situated within one hour's drive to cosmopolitan Los Angeles, the mountains, the beach, and the desert resorts of Southern California. The Eastern offices (Indio and Blythe) are located in the world-famous Palm Springs resort area with seven surrounding cities; the Southwest office in Murrieta, offers a semi-rural environment conducive to outdoor activities.

NEW CLERK/ATTORNEY EMPLOYEES

First-year clerks carry out significant research in felony cases and write briefs in opposition to pending defense motions. Under the supervision of experienced trial attorneys, **certified law clerks** make court appearances, conduct preliminary hearings, handle motions, and may conduct simple jury trials. **New deputy district attorneys** conduct misdemeanor jury trials and preliminary hearings and are given ample opportunity to develop trial skills in increasingly complex cases. A formal four-week training program orients post-bar clerks and new attorneys to the office and helps prepare them to successfully litigate trials. Depending on their progress, new deputies typically will be given the opportunity to try **felony cases** after 18-24 months.

Trial attorneys have responsibility for criminal cases from pre-complaint screening through sentencing. Duties include case screening, witness interviews, trial preparation, research, negotiation, and trial. In serious felonies, senior attorneys give legal advice to the investigative team during the investigation. This office works closely with all law enforcement agencies in the county to insure compliance with constitutional requirements and to encourage creative law enforcement. From time-to-time an attorney may be assigned as an advisor to an investigative task force created to solve a particular crime problem.

The district attorney seeks law clerks and attorneys with initiative, creativity, maturity, and good judgment. Our limited openings are reserved for those who show a commitment to excellence by actively participating in law school and law-related activities. As an attorney in our office you will be accepting personal responsibility for cases of importance. A minimum commitment of three years is required of third-year law clerks and new attorneys.

The Riverside County District Attorney is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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