



National Juvenile Defender Center: 2018 Summer Law Clerk Hiring

The National Juvenile Defender Center (NJDC) is soliciting law clerk applications for Summer 2018.

NJDC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting justice for all children by ensuring excellence in juvenile defense. Through community building, training, and policy reform, we provide national leadership on juvenile defense issues with a focus on curbing the deprivation of young people's rights in the court system. Our reach extends to urban, suburban, rural, and tribal areas, where we elevate the voices of youth, families, and defenders to create positive case outcomes and meaningful opportunities for children. We also work with broad coalitions to ensure that the reform of juvenile courts includes the protection of children's rights – particularly the right to counsel.

Responsibilities: Law Clerks will assist on a wide range of juvenile justice projects. Responsibilities will include researching and writing on issues related to juvenile justice, with a particular emphasis on juvenile defense. Assignments could include: assisting with the drafting of publications regarding juvenile defense issues; conducting a 50-state survey on a pressing issue in juvenile defense; evaluating current and proposed federal/state legislation related to juvenile justice; addressing the special needs of discrete client populations (e.g., girls, LGBTQI-GNC or Native youth); developing training materials for juvenile court professionals; and helping to organize a national conference of juvenile defenders around the country.

Qualifications: Applicants must be current law students with excellent legal research, writing, and analytical skills, superb attention to detail, and an ability to work independently. Applicants should have experience with, or demonstrated interest in, juvenile justice, criminal justice, civil rights, youth rights, and/or racial and social justice.

Application Procedure: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Candidates should send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript (unofficial is fine), and short (approx. 250 word) summary and analysis of the landmark juvenile rights case *In re Gault*, 387 U.S. 1 (1967), with the subject line "Law Clerk Application – [Last Name]" to inquiries@njdc.info as a single .pdf file.

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