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**2019 Summer Internships**

The Federal Public Defender in the Western District of North Carolina is currently recruiting for qualified and committed interns that reflect the diversity of our community. Our offices in Asheville and Charlotte zealously represent indigent clients charged with federal crimes. We are seeking law students with a passion to protect and defend the rights of our indigent clients, have strong research and writing skills, and an impeccable work ethic, who are interested in working *in either our Charlotte or Asheville office*.

Interns will experience the highly rewarding work of indigent criminal defense. They will have the opportunity to work on a wide variety of assignments including research and drafting motions, legal memoranda, client and witness interviewing, investigation, and assisting attorneys in preparing jury trials. We require a minimum commitment of 30-35 hours per week.

These positions are unpaid. However, our office will be applying for Hon. James B. McMillan Legal Fellowships for interested summer interns accepted into our program (*in the Charlotte office only*). These fellowships focus on students who desire a career in the non-profit or government sector and who have ties to Mecklenburg County. The maximum award will be \$3,500 per Fellow. More information about the McMillan Legal Fellowships, and the required application material, can be found at [www.meckbar.org](http://www.meckbar.org). See the Guidelines for Applications/Law Students section.

**Applications must be received by January 18, 2019.** An application consists of a cover letter explaining your interest in our organization, a resume and a brief writing sample. All documents should be emailed to [WDNCApplication@fd.org](mailto:WDNCApplication@fd.org). If a student would like to be considered for the Hon. James B. McMillan Legal Fellowship, the additional application material must be included in the initial submission.