

Hennepin County Public Defender  
2024 Summer Law Clerk Program for 1Ls and 2Ls



The Hennepin County Public Defender's Office provides a select group of law students with a unique, educational experience working in one of Minnesota's largest law firms. Our program is designed for law students who are interested in indigent defense, display characteristics of promising future public defenders, possess strong research and writing skills, and have an impeccable work ethic.

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**Law Clerks support Assistant Public Defenders with a wide range of projects.**

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Law clerks work hand in hand with experienced criminal defense attorneys on misdemeanor, felony, juvenile, child protection and appellate cases. They complete research and writing projects including motions and memoranda to be filed in court. Law clerks are also given the opportunity to observe and participate in client interviews and case strategy meetings. Those with student practice certification may argue motions they have written and may assist lawyers at bail hearings, evidentiary hearings, sentencing hearings, or trials.

Summer law clerks are invited to attend public defender trainings and field trips throughout the summer.

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## Apply

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Law clerks are expected to work 40 hours/week during the 12-week summer program. Salary is \$20/hour. Potential law clerk candidates must submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references by US Post or Email:



Law Clerk Program  
c/o Geoffrey Isaacman  
Hennepin County Public Defender  
701 Fourth Ave, S. Suite 1400  
Minneapolis, MN 55415



Email application materials to:  
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✉ [Melissa.Fraser@hennepin.us](mailto:Melissa.Fraser@hennepin.us)



**POSTING OPEN OCTOBER  
15- DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Direct any questions about our program to Melissa Fraser (612) 596-7517 or Geoff Isaacman (612) 348-7891.