

OFFICE DESCRIPTION

As part of the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney's Office has jurisdiction and responsibility to represent the legal interests of the federal government before the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Tennessee. The office participates in the investigation and prosecution of violations of federal criminal statutes, usually in connection with a grand jury. The office also represents the United States in civil suits filed against federal agencies and employees, as well as in affirmative civil actions to enforce compliance with federal law or protect the interests of the United States. In addition, Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the office handle all appeals in their cases before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Criminal Division are assigned to either the general crimes unit, drug unit, violent crimes unit, or counter-terrorism unit. In addition, asset forfeiture is pursued where appropriate in a variety of criminal cases.

The Civil Division defends lawsuits brought against the federal government including medical malpractice and other tort actions, the defense of federal programs and agency decisions, employment discrimination cases, and Social Security litigation. The Civil Division attorneys maintain a close working relationship with counsel for the various client agencies, which provide litigation

support and assistance in areas of agency expertise. The Civil Division also is responsible for all civil cases in which the United States is seeking some type of monetary recovery including judgment enforcement, bankruptcy, civil asset forfeiture, and civil fraud suits.

The Assistant U.S. Attorney originally assigned to a case generally remains responsible for that case during its entire life in the office. In criminal cases, this means from the onset of an investigation through the grand jury investigation, indictment, trial, appeal, and post-conviction claims. In the civil division, it means from the beginning of the lawsuit through judgment enforcement and appeal.

Generally, all appellate briefs are prepared by the trial attorney and reviewed by the Appellate Coordinator both for soundness of legal analysis and for correctness and effectiveness of form.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in this district has a strong tradition of the highest standards of excellence in representing the United States both in the enforcement of federal criminal law and in fostering the interests of the public and federal government in civil actions.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex - including gender identity, sexual orientation, or pregnancy status - or because of age (over 40), physical or mental disability, protected genetic information, parental status, marital status, political affiliation, or any other non-merit based factor. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee, sponsors a Federal Student Intern Litigation Program for all qualified students enrolled in accredited law schools. The Intern Litigation Program is designed to involve the student in every phase of the federal litigation experience in both civil and criminal cases. Students participating in the summer program should expect to work full-time throughout the summer. All students will be expected to work full summers; no requests for half-summers will be approved. A full summer typically runs from the end of May to early August.

The Knoxville office will be hiring two interns in the Criminal Division, one intern in the Appellate Unit, and one in the Civil Division. Chattanooga will be hiring two interns; and, Greeneville will be hiring two interns.

The Intern Litigation Program attempts to provide the student with an opportunity to:

- experience the investigative/pretrial stage of criminal prosecutions, working with agents of the FBI, DEA, ATF, IRS, Secret Service, and other agencies;
- experience civil pretrial conferences, depositions, settlement negotiations, etc.;
- observe and assist in all types of federal court proceedings, including matters before U.S. magistrate judges, district court judges, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and
- research and draft a variety of litigation-related documents such as district court motions and memoranda of law, indictments, in-house memoranda, and civil discovery documents.

Third-year or rising third-year law students may be certified by the Tennessee Supreme Court under its student practice rule and authorized to represent the United States in district court or before a United States magistrate judge in various proceedings under the supervision of the responsible Assistant U.S. Attorney.

The Intern Litigation Program generally operates on a *pro bono* basis. However, since the U.S. Attorney's Office is a public interest organization, student participants may qualify for public interest grants and academic or extracurricular law school credit where available.

Inquiries and resumes with transcripts, should be submitted via email no later than **Friday, January 26, 2024**, to:

For a position in the Knoxville office for the Criminal Division:

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For a position in the Knoxville office for the Civil Division:

AUSA Spencer Fair
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For a position in the Chattanooga office:

AUSA Chris Poole
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For a position in the Greeneville office:

AUSA Meghan Gomez
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Please note in cover letter specific office(s) / division(s) of interest.

Anyone tentatively selected must be a U.S. citizen and must undergo a background screening that includes drug use, police/FBI check, credit check and previous employment verification.



U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee Federal Student Summer Intern Litigation Program

**Application Deadline:
Friday, January 26, 2024**