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CERTIFIED LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PROSPECTIVE LAW SCHOOL CANDIDATES FOR THE SUMMER OF 2008

The Office of the District Attorney for the County of Delaware offers a limited number of certified legal internships to qualified candidates. Certified Legal Interns (C.L.I.) begin the program in the summer and are usually expected to continue with the program through the fall and spring semesters of the subsequent school year, as their class schedules permit.

Responsibilities: C.L.I. are assigned to this Office's Pre-Trial Unit, and will represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at preliminary hearings in the 34 Magisterial District Courts throughout the criminal jurisdiction of the County of Delaware. In this capacity, C.L.I. are expected to: interview victims and witnesses of crimes; present evidence and testimony through direct-examination of witnesses; conduct cross-examination of witnesses; negotiate preliminary hearing waivers pursuant to the policies of this Office; and work effectively with law enforcement authorities. In addition, C.L.I. may be responsible for bail hearings, probation and parole violation hearings, and summary trials.

<u>Mandatory Qualifications</u>: C.L.I. must have completed at least 3 semesters of law school in a regular (full-time) division program or completed the comparable amount of time in an evening (part-time) division program. In addition, C.L.I. must have successfully completed the course of Evidence. *All interns will be certified by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for formal participation in legal matters, under Pa.BA.R. 321 and 322.*

<u>Preferred Qualifications</u>: C.L.I. must exhibit excellent communication skills, both oral and written. It is highly desired if C.L.I. have completed some form of trial advocacy program. In addition, strong academic achievement, law review, moot court, mock trial, and community service activities are considered valuable (but not required) qualifications for candidates.

<u>Travel</u>: C.L.I. are responsible for their own transportation to the Magisterial District Courts but are reimbursed \$0.40 per mile.

<u>Compensation</u>: C.L.I. are compensated in one of the three following manners: (1) \$8.00 per hour, the hourly rate set by the County of Delaware; (2) the hourly rate set by the Federal Work Study Program for a pre-approved federal work

study student; or (3) with academic credit through the student's Law School externship programs.

Application Process: Commencement of the application process and interviews will begin October 1, 2007. The application deadline is October 31, 2007. This Office plans to have offers extended and accepted by January 31, 2008, for the Summer of 2008. Please submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of James F. Mattera, Jr., Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063 or by email to matteraj@co.delaware.pa.us.