

**Office of the State Public Defender
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The Office of the State Public Defender's is definitely a worthwhile internship site that offers a unique experience and a chance to work alongside with some of California's most prestigious lawyers. The Public Defender's Office deals strictly with capital cases, meaning cases where the accused has been subject to the death penalty. As a result, these cases are mainly post-conviction cases where attorneys work either for the client's exoneration or to decrease their sentence. As interns, you are assigned to a specific attorney and assist them with their case, whether it'd be researching particular subject matters, or transcribing witness testimonies. You definitely won't find meaningless and menial tasks here, the tasks assigned to you are very stimulating and brings you very close to the legal environment.