



# YOU WANT TO BE A PROSECUTOR. ...

## *WE AIM TO MAKE YOU ONE.*

You're closing in on a law degree, but the prospect of a job – let alone meaningful time in a courtroom – might still seem remote. The fact is, many with law degrees enter the working world as a clerk, a policy advisor or a corporate compliance officer. Those are fine jobs, but for those whose calling is to sway a jury, there's no better, quicker path to the courtroom than a career as a prosecutor.

And if that's what you seek to do with your law degree – and your life – we have just the externship program for you.



## Hands-on prosecution

Externship students will:

- Work cases from arrest to disposition.
- Research and prepare memorandums on pre-trial issues.
- Use these projects to satisfy any writing requirements for the externship course.

## Hours and housing

- 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; June 4 through July 27, 2018.
- Students in need of housing should say so in their cover letter,
- Housing will be made available through the University of South Carolina Beaufort at a cost of \$140 per week.

## How to apply

Students should mail or email the following items to the address below:

- A cover letter
- Your resume
- Unofficial transcript

## EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

[mjlempesis@scsolicitor14.org](mailto:mjlempesis@scsolicitor14.org)

## OR MAIL TO TO:

14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office  
Attn: Mary Jordan Lempesis  
P.O. Box 1880  
Bluffton, SC 29910

# YOUR CAREER GOALS, ACCELERATED



*Brian Hollen, seated at right, was hired by the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office after participating in its intern program. Today, he is a member of the office's Career Criminal Unit, which prosecutes the circuit's most habitual and violent offenders.*

On Brian Hollen's first day in the 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office externship program, an assistant solicitor handed him the file for a criminal sexual conduct case.

Immediately, he was part of the team.

By summer's end, he was assisting at trial, where the prosecution won a conviction. Hollen also assisted with a successful murder trial.

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**Assistant 14<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor and former extern Brian Hollen**

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The experience affirmed for Hollen his desire to be a career prosecutor. It also helped him land his first job. "I treated it like a 2 ½ -month job interview, which really is exactly what it was."

Hollen was selected for the inaugural externship class in 2013 and was hired full-time

the next fall, after graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Hollen is one of three externship participants currently employed by the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office. Nicole Bonine, now the head of community prosecution in Hampton County, is another. They are joined by Jacqueline Brown-Fields, who participated in our victim-advocate externship program and now holds an administrative position in our Beaufort office.



## What we do

The Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office is the chief prosecuting agency for Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties in South Carolina's Lowcountry. Our headquarters are in Bluffton, S.C., just minutes from Hilton Head Island's beaches. We prosecute all cases in General Sessions and Family Court. We have about 50 employees, including seven victim advocates assigned to teams of attorneys.

During the 2017 fiscal year, we prosecuted more than 4,600 cases.