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YOU WANT TO MAKE A CAREER OF SOLVING PROBLEMS AND HELPING CRIME VICTIMS. ...

WE CAN PREPARE YOU FOR THAT.

The Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office is pleased to offer a semester-long victim services internship for college students who are pursuing degrees in human services, criminal justice or social work. This hands-on program gives students real-world experience, with opportunities to work alongside our victim advocates, or our intelligence and investigations team. Depending upon your tract, you might be asked to:



- Help crime victims receive financial assistance or counseling service from a partnering agency.
- Prepare evidence displays for actual courtroom trials and assist our investigators in court.
- Comb social-media platforms for critical intelligence.

This internship is based in Beaufort County, and requires travel to both Bluffton and Beaufort, S.C.

Hours and housing

- 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; June 1 through July 31, 2020.
- 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.

Experience by participating

- Those interested in learning more about the work of a victim advocate will act as liaisons between victims and the Solicitor prosecuting the case.
- Those interested in intelligence will assist our investigators and prepare cases for trial.

How to apply

Students should mail or email the following items to the address below by noon April 30, 2018:

- A cover letter
- Your resume
- Unofficial transcript

EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

mfraser@scsolicitor14.org

OR MAIL TO:

14th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Attn: Michelle Fraser
P.O. Box 1880
Bluffton, SC 29910

YOUR CAREER GOALS, ACCELERATED

If experience is the best teacher, then the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office internships will provide you with one heck of an effective classroom. That's because when you're accepted into our programs, you become one of the team – working with victims or preparing cases for trial.

Undergraduates with an interest in criminal justice embed with our intelligence team. You will work alongside analysts, who help track crime trends and assign cases to the appropriate prosecutorial unit. You'll also see firsthand the technology and the skills used by our investigators – duly sworn law-enforcement officers – to uncover intelligence on suspects and to prepare exhibits for trial. Our team is headed by Dylan Hightower, a member of the S.C. Gang Investigators Association's 2017 Gang Unit of the Year, which helped take down two violent street gangs in Colleton County, S.C.



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If your interest is in social work and helping crime victims, you'll work closely with Michelle Fraser, who is the leader of our victims advocates and director of our new victims services center, a first-of-its-kind venture for South Carolina.

Victim advocates provide the victim of crimes prosecuted by our office with guidance throughout the criminal-justice process. That includes helping them seek financial compensation, directing them to counseling services and acting as a liaison to the attorney who is prosecuting their case.

Our interns do not simply see how it's done. They participate. Those embedded with victim advocates attend hearings, assist victim advocates during court sessions, and explain legal proceedings to victims, keeping them abreast of their case status.

As with our employees, we hold our interns to high professional standards. This means showing respect to the court, the victim, opposing counsel and defendants. It means communicating honestly and clearly. And it means acting ethically at all times.

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 2019 calendar year, we prosecuted more than 5,000 cases.

