



YOU WANT TO BE A PROSECUTOR. ...

WE CAN HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN.



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 an associate in a large firm. 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 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.

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

OR MAIL TO TO:

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

YOUR CAREER GOALS, ACCELERATED

Nothing will quite prepare you to be a prosecutor like the hands-on training you will receive in the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office externship program.

"Being a public servant, fighting for justice and the opportunity to argue in front of a jury are the reasons I want to be a prosecutor," said Michelle Hart, a Charleston School of Law student and a member of the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office externship class of 2019. "But sometimes people get lost in the *Law and Order* aspects of prosecution. A lot goes on behind the scenes, and you won't learn it all in law school.

"This program has taught me things and given me vital skills that I could not have received elsewhere."

Students selected for the externship are fully integrated into the Solicitor's Office daily operations. They attend hearings, meet with law enforcement officers and witnesses, and prepare formal case analyses.



Hart, pictured above, also helped research a project on asset forfeiture, reconstruct a fatal automobile accident at the heart of a felony DUI case, and call the docket during a term of General Sessions Court.

"There is such an atmosphere of teamwork here," Hart said.

"Whether it's the attorneys, the investigators, the administrative staff – no one shies away from answering my questions. It's a great learning environment."

Hart echoed the sentiment of other former externs.

Brian Hollen was selected for the inaugural class in 2013 and was hired by the Solicitor's Office full-time the next fall, after graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

"I treated it like a 2 ½ -month job interview, which really is exactly what it was."



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 fiscal year, we prosecuted more than 4,600 cases.