
INTERNS FOR JUVENILE LIFER PROJECT

State Appellate Defender Office

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Job Summary: The Michigan State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) represents nearly two-thirds of Michigan's 360 juvenile lifers currently serving unconstitutional sentences, and is responsible for developing mitigation and litigation strategies for resentencing hearings conducted pursuant to MCL 769.25a and *Miller v Alabama*, 567 US ____ (2012). SADO seeks qualified interns to work collaboratively within Juvenile Lifer Project teams.

Major Areas of Responsibility

- Interns will work with other members of the Juvenile Lifer Project team, which could include attorneys, investigators, and mitigation specialists, and will develop a plan for collecting and analyzing documents relevant to upcoming resentencing hearings.
- Interns will read trial transcripts and lower court records and will accurately summarize relevant testimony and procedural history and submit fact memos to attorneys in charge of the cases.
- Interns will engage in legal research projects covering novel and creative legal issues surrounding the constitutionality of life without parole sentences against individuals who committed crimes as juveniles.

Additional Information

- This is an unpaid internship.
- Internship openings are available immediately. Internship can be taken for credit in conjunction with the 2017 Winter semester.
- Can work occasionally from home, but office presence is required at least once a week.
- Must have own laptop and familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe.
- SADO can provide any documentation necessary in order to facilitate credit or funding from an outside source.

To Apply: Submit a **cover letter** including office location preference (Detroit or Lansing), **resume**, **writing sample**, and a copy of your **law school transcripts** in a single PDF to: Jessica Zimbelman, Assistant Defender, State Appellate Defender Office, 200 N. Washington, Suite 250, Lansing, MI 48912; Email: jzimbelman@sado.org.