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SUMMER 2025 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Juvenile Lifer Unit Legal Intern

The Michigan State Appellate Defender Office (SADO) seeks first- and second-year law students committed to public defense, racial equity, and social justice to join our Summer 2025 Juvenile Lifer Unit (JLU) Internship Program. SADO's Juvenile Lifer Unit provides representation to those sentenced to life without parole for crimes committed as children.

Interns will work with members of the Juvenile Lifer Unit, including attorneys, investigators, mitigation specialists, reentry specialists and support staff. JLU interns will gain experience with file and transcript review, client visitation, mitigation, legal research, and brief writing—all in preparation for resentencing proceedings pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's decisions in *Miller v Alabama* (2012), *Montgomery v Louisiana* (2016), and the Michigan Supreme Court case of *People v Parks* (2022).

SADO is a hybrid work environment, and interns will have the opportunity to work remotely and in-person in either SADO's Detroit or Lansing offices. The internship program will run from late May through August 2025. Precise dates are flexible. Due to limited resources, our internship opportunities are currently unpaid. We encourage applicants to seek funding from their academic institutions or third-party funders, and we will share opportunities for financial assistance as we learn of them.

If you are interested in applying, please e-mail a resume and cover letter together in a single PDF file to internships@sado.org. Your cover letter should indicate why you want to be part of the JLU team and work for our clients. Please indicate in the subject line of your email that you are applying for a position with the JLU summer internship program. **Applications should be submitted by January 12, 2025, at 5 PM.** Decisions will be made on a rolling basis.

Questions? Email internships@sado.org.

SADO is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We recognize people of color are disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system and actively seek to employ staff with backgrounds representative of our clients. We strongly encourage people of color, people with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ people, and people directly affected by the criminal legal system to apply. A felony conviction does not prohibit employment at SADO.