

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

"The program was a highly rewarding experience. On a professional level, the program was an invaluable opportunity to develop my advocacy skills and gain jury trial experience. On a more personal level, it was fulfilling to be a part of a system aimed at keeping my community safe."

Sara Dionne/Attorney
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

"My summer at the Sacramento DA's office was an invaluable experience. It was inspiring to be a part of the internal workings of such a fast-paced law enforcement agency, and to be able to participate in furtherance of its mission and duty to protect the public. Furthermore, it provided a rare opportunity to prepare cases and participate in jury trials, allowing me to hone my courtroom skills and to become a more confident, effective litigator. Overall, I was amazed at the vast experience and knowledge that I gained during my three-month assignment. The benefits of the program to my professional career have been, and will continue to be, immeasurable."

Mariam O. Kaviani /Staff Counsel
Department of Social Services

"The Sacramento District Attorney's Office Volunteer Attorney Program provides a great training ground for attorneys looking to learn or refine their trial skills. The California Attorney General's Office is pleased to be part of a program that enhances our attorneys' skills while also promoting public safety."

Michael Farrell/Sr. Assistant Attorney General
California Attorney General's Office

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM:

Those interested in volunteering
should direct inquiries to:

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PARTICIPATION BENEFITS

- Gain invaluable trial experience
- Train with experienced prosecutors
- Partner with law enforcement to increase public safety

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Active membership in the California State Bar
- Sponsorship from a public agency or private law firm
- Satisfactory completion of a background check

Volunteer Attorneys Must Commit To:

- **Two months** minimum of full time employment at the District Attorney's Office
- A commitment longer than two months is strongly encouraged in order to gain advantage of working in a District Attorney's Office
- Normal work hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Volunteers may be required to work additional hours in order to handle trial assignments or workloads

WHAT IS THE VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM?

The Sacramento District Attorney's Office Volunteer Attorney Program provides attorneys with a unique opportunity to develop trial skills through the prosecution of misdemeanor crimes on a volunteer basis. Volunteers will receive training on the essential components of criminal prosecution.

Volunteer attorneys will be sworn in as deputy district attorneys and have the opportunity to prosecute a wide variety of misdemeanor crimes, including driving under the influence, theft, battery, child abuse, sex offenses, and vehicular manslaughter.



District Attorney Jan Scully swearing in Volunteer Attorney

"The Volunteer Attorney Program is a creative approach to maintain public safety in difficult budgetary times with the assistance of volunteer attorneys. This program provides volunteer attorneys with invaluable trial experience while also serving the citizens of Sacramento County through the prosecution of crimes occurring in our community." - District Attorney Jan Scully

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Evaluate Misdemeanor Cases:

- Relevant legal and evidentiary issues
- Motions in limine
- Appropriate trial strategy

Research and Writing:

- Conduct research for legal issues presented in a particular case
- Prepare legal motions necessary for trial

Trial Support:

- Assist with investigation follow-up
- Assist with trial preparation
- Prepare specialized trial motions
- Serve as back-up for trial attorneys

Interact with Participants in Criminal Justice System:

- Victims and witnesses
- Police officers
- District attorney support staff
- Defense attorneys
- Judges

Conduct Jury Trials:

- Spend at least one month doing only jury trials
- Expect to conduct at least two jury trials per month
- Trials include a variety of crimes, including:
 - ◊ Driving Under the Influence
 - ◊ Theft related crimes
 - ◊ Child abuse
 - ◊ Indecent exposure
 - ◊ Vehicular manslaughter