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**Appellate Division Law Clerk Program**

The Appellate Division is offering a small number of highly motivated second and third-year law students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working closely with attorneys representing indigent defendants in criminal appeals. Positions are available during the fall, spring, and winter terms, as well as over the summer. The positions will be located at 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

The OPD Appellate Division is a team of zealous, experienced attorneys who handle the majority of the criminal appeals in the State of Maryland. The Division represents clients in the Court of Special Appeals, the Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court, litigating a wide range of legal issues that arise from criminal trials and pleas, post-conviction matters, juvenile delinquency adjudications, and terminations of parental rights.

Law clerks, under the supervision of experienced appellate attorneys, will be given the opportunity to:

- Draft an appellate brief that will be submitted to the Court of Special Appeals;
- Research discrete legal issues and draft arguments for inclusion in briefs filed in the Maryland appellate courts or the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Research cutting-edge legal issues to support strategic litigation;
- Moot attorneys preparing for oral argument and attend arguments (during the court term);
- Participate in client visits at DOC facilities; and
- Attend weekly meetings in which the Division discusses recent appellate decisions.

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Have excellent legal research and writing skills;
- Be passionate about advocating for indigent clients; and
- Manage a variety of projects simultaneously and meet deadlines.

The OPD is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to building a culturally diverse staff and strongly encourage people historically underrepresented in the practice of law to apply. Although this internship is unpaid, OPD is committed to assisting its law clerks in their efforts to secure outside funding or school credit.

To apply please submit a (1) cover letter, (2) current resume, (3) unofficial academic transcript, (4) writing sample, and (5) completed Law Clerk Application. All materials should be submitted electronically, in a single email, to [lawclerkjobs@opd.state.md.us](mailto:lawclerkjobs@opd.state.md.us). **Please indicate your interest in the Appellate Division in the body of your email.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For any further questions, please email Appellate Law Clerk Coordinators Eva Shell ([eshell@opd.state.md.us](mailto:eshell@opd.state.md.us)) and Kiran Iyer ([kiyer@opd.state.md.us](mailto:kiyer@opd.state.md.us)).