

Federal Defender Services of Idaho – Trial Unit 2027 Summer Internship

Federal Defender Services of Idaho is accepting applications from first- and second-year law students for a summer 2027 internship in the Trial Unit. The Trial Unit provides zealous representation and advocacy for indigent individuals accused of crimes in federal court. We have offices in Boise and Pocatello, with nine attorneys in Boise and three attorneys in Pocatello, working with a team of investigators, paralegals and support staff in each office. The Trial Unit is accepting applications for both our Boise and Pocatello offices.

Legal Interns assist attorneys at all stages of client representation, including researching legal issues and drafting legal memoranda, motions to suppress, jury instructions, sentencing memoranda, appellate briefs, and other legal writing. Typical research topics involve search and seizure issues, evidence questions, and sentencing issues. In addition to research and writing, interns also have the opportunity to meet with clients, watch proceedings in the U.S. District Court and the Ninth Circuit, and attend moot court arguments. This is an unpaid internship that begins on June 07, 2027 and ends on August 06, 2027, with some flexibility in the dates. Housing is not provided.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, current transcript, a short writing sample (ten pages or less), and two references in a single pdf to Abigail Thiry at abigail_thiry@fd.org. Applicants should indicate whether they are interested in the Boise or Pocatello office, or both. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, and students are encouraged to apply by February 11, 2027. Limited positions are available. People of color and other minorities underrepresented in the legal profession are especially encouraged to apply.