Gideon Fellowship for Criminal Defense
The Fellowship

- Unparalleled exposure to indigent defense representation to one outstanding student each year.
- The Fellowship is structured as a series of clinical experiences, offering a progression which gives the Fellow exposure to many areas of indigent defense work.
- The Fellow is selected through an application and interview process.
The Fellowship

The Fellow is expected to spend the summer term in the Public Defender Clinic which includes the Maricopa County Defender’s Office, the fall term at a different division in the Maricopa County Public Defender’s Office, and the spring term at the Federal Public Defender’s Office.
Details of the Program

- The Program is administered by the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law Clinical Program.
- The Fellow receives twelve (12) pass/fail credits.
- The Fellow is recognized at the Arizona Public Defender conference in June.
- The Fellow is expected to write two articles for publication in criminal practitioner publications.
Public Defender Clinic

- Summer session with placement at the Maricopa County Public Defender’s Office
- 30 hours per week
  - All day availability
- Seminar component
- Drug and DUI cases
  - Search and seizure issues
  - Scientific evidence
- Evidence is a prerequisite
Seminar

- The Fellow takes the Public Defender Clinic in the summer with Prof. Dan Lowrance
- The Fellow will register for the Fall and Spring Seminars
- The Class meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:55
Scholarship

A stipend in the amount of $1,500.00 will be awarded to the Fellow
- $750.00 in the Spring
- $750.00 in the Fall
Maricopa County
Public Defender’s Office

- Fall semester
- 150 hours required this semester
- Class 4, 5, and 6 felonies
- Variety of court proceedings
  - Brief writing
- For the Defense
  - Monthly publication for the County Defender’s Office
  - 1 article
Federal Public Defender’s Office

- Spring semester
- 150 hours required this semester
- Capital Habeus Unit
- Strong research and writing skills
- Understanding of death penalty work
- Background check required
- The Defender
  - Quarterly publication - Az Attorneys for Criminal Justice
  - 1 article
Application Information

Candidates are to submit
- Resume
- Cover Letter indicating why you are interested in criminal defense
- Unofficial Transcript

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009 to Zelda Graham in Room 106 or by email at roselda.graham@asu.edu
Interview Process

- The Selection Committee will personally interview each applicant.
- Interviews will be conducted the first week of December.
- The Fellowship will be awarded in December.
Contact Zelda Graham in Room 106 or at roselda.graham@asu.edu for more information