

## **County Attorney Law Student Opportunities**

### **Big Stone (Ortonville)**

Big Stone County has unpaid internships available. Contact Big Stone County Attorney Rebecca Trapp. [Rebecca.Trapp@BigStoneCounty.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Trapp@BigStoneCounty.gov).

### **Blue Earth County (Mankato)**

Blue Earth County has internships available. Starting pay is up to \$24.00 per hour. See [attached](#) information. Contact the Blue Earth County Attorney's Office: [attorney@blueearthcountymn.gov](mailto:attorney@blueearthcountymn.gov).

### **Brown County (New Ulm)**

Brown County has the opportunity for an unpaid internship. Contact Melissa Bakke. [Melissa.Bakke@browncountymn.gov](mailto:Melissa.Bakke@browncountymn.gov).

### **Cass County (Walker)**

Cass County has generally hired a certified student attorney during the summer with grant funding from Sourcewell. We give students the full experience and get them in court making arguments for a variety of cases. This last summer, I had the student attorney sit in on a first-degree assault jury trial and let him question a witness or two. Contact Cass County Attorney Ben Lindstrom, 218-547-7255. [ben.lindstrom@casscountymn.gov](mailto:ben.lindstrom@casscountymn.gov).

### **Chisago County (Center City)**

Chisago County (Lindstrom/Center City) "Chisago County Attorney's Office offers law clerk opportunities to students who have completed their first year of law school. The law clerks work during the summer and throughout the school year as schedules allow. Compensation ranges from \$20-\$25/hr. Law clerks work under the Supervised Practice Rules, allowing them to make court appearances, handling a variety of hearings, under supervision of a licensed attorney. The law clerks perform research/writing and reviews matters for charging/drafting complaints, which can be done remotely. Contact Chisago County Attorney Janet Reiter: [janet.reiter@chisagocountymn.gov](mailto:janet.reiter@chisagocountymn.gov).

### **Cottonwood County (Windom)**

Cottonwood County has a summer intern program which pays approximately \$16.00/hour. Interested law students should contact Cottonwood County Attorney Nick Anderson. [Nick.Anderson@co.cottonwood.mn.us](mailto:Nick.Anderson@co.cottonwood.mn.us).

### **Fillmore County (Preston)**

Fillmore County has several unpaid interns/externs for credit for students in their third year since those individuals want to work in a rural area. Contact Fillmore County Attorney Brett A. Corson. [bcorson@co.fillmore.mn.us](mailto:bcorson@co.fillmore.mn.us).

**Goodhue County (Red Wing)**

Goodhue County has a summer intern. The current hourly rate is \$22 - \$24 /hr. It intends on hiring an intern for the coming summer who would be eligible as a certified student attorney. Interested persons can certainly reach out to County Attorney Stephen F. O'Keefe.

651-267- 4968; [steve.okeefe@goodhuecountymn.gov](mailto:steve.okeefe@goodhuecountymn.gov)

**Hubbard County (Park Rapids)**

Hubbard County offers summer internships/law clerks each summer. Interested law students should reach out via email to County Attorney John Olson ([john.olson@hubbardcounty.gov](mailto:john.olson@hubbardcounty.gov)) This should usually be done sometime in April or early May, for an internship from June to August.

**Isanti County (Cambridge)**

Isanti County has volunteer positions available. Contact Isanti County Attorney Jeff Edblad.

[Jeff.Edblad@co.isanti.mn.us](mailto:Jeff.Edblad@co.isanti.mn.us).

**Kandiyohi County (Willmar)**

Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office has an opening for a paid summer intern or temporary hire. We have previously hired students after 1L or 2L. Courtroom opportunities are available if qualified under the student practice rules. In addition to courtroom appearances, other duties include drafting complaints, legal research, brief writing, and managing a case load under supervision of a licensed attorney. Contact Kandiyohi County Attorney Shane Baker: [shane.baker@kcmn.us](mailto:shane.baker@kcmn.us).

**Norman County (Ada)**

Summer internship. If the person is eligible for practice papers, they will do one major criminal court room hearing, one civil motion, and a project to present to the county board. If the person is undergrad, I will find legal assistant type tasks for them to complete, and they will accompany me for interesting matters that are not privileged/confidential. In either case, the pay is \$15/hr., no overtime, up to 40 hours per week, up to 12 weeks. Will post in mid-March. Contact Norman County Attorney Liz Brainard [liz.brainard@NormanMN.gov](mailto:liz.brainard@NormanMN.gov).

**McLeod County (Glencoe)**

McLeod County has unpaid internships available. Contact the McLeod County Attorney's Office at [attorney@mcleodcountymn.gov](mailto:attorney@mcleodcountymn.gov).

### **Mille Lacs (Milaca)**

Mille Lacs offers a year-round position for interns or externs. They draft complaints, handle bail hearings, and handle some arraignments and court trials in criminal court. They conduct research for attorneys. If they're certified, we'll let them assist with anything their schedule allows. Contact Mille Lacs County Attorney Corey Haller [corey.haller@millelacs.mn.gov](mailto:corey.haller@millelacs.mn.gov).

### **Norman County**

Norman County has a paid summer internship. Check on the [county website](#) or reach out to the county attorney: [Liz.Brainard@NormanMN.gov](mailto:Liz.Brainard@NormanMN.gov).

### **Olmsted County (Rochester)**

Olmsted County offers paid summer clerkships every year. We typically hire three law students per summer. All law clerks are trained to appear in court. We consider both 1L and 2L applicants. Schedule permitting, students are sometimes permitted to stay on part time in the following school year. Offers already made to students for the summer of 2026. If interested in future internships, please click [here](#) for more information.

### **Pine County (Pine City)**

Pine County has unpaid (or for required credit hours) internships. A stipend may be available for a certified student attorney or, depending on needs, a 3L with excellent legal research and writing skills. Contact County Attorney Reese Frederickson ([reese.frederickson@pinecountymn.gov](mailto:reese.frederickson@pinecountymn.gov)) if interested.

### **Pope County (Glenwood)**

Pope County (Glenwood) has a paid internship available for the summer for up to 40 hours per work. The pay starts at \$15.00 per hour. This position is open to not only current law students, but also college students who have a strong interest in attending law school. Those interested should contact Troy Nelson, 320-634-4581. [troy@onlawmn.com](mailto:troy@onlawmn.com).

### **Ramsey County (St. Paul)**

Law Clerk & Internship Opportunities: The Ramsey County Attorney's Office offers a 10-week paid Summer Law Clerk Program and paid summer college internships. School-year law clerk positions are filled primarily by participants in the summer program and are either paid or for academic credit. Applications for summer positions are open from late January to early February. Contact: [RCAOffice@ramseycountymn.gov](mailto:RCAOffice@ramseycountymn.gov).

**St. Louis County (Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia)**

St. Louis County has an internship program in which we employ up to four summer interns at the current rate of \$21.62/hour. We have positions in our Duluth Criminal, Duluth Civil, and Duluth Public Health and Human Services Divisions, as well as our Iron Range Criminal Division. Our interns work directly with a Division Head Attorney in all phases of the civil or criminal legal process by utilizing and applying standardized principles of law. Duties include answering defense motions, conducting legal research, and appearing in court with a supervising attorney. The work is performed under the direction of a Division Head. If interested, students should reach out to Deputy County Attorney Jon Holets ([holetsj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:holetsj@stlouiscountymn.gov)) or Office Administrator Wade Backstrom ([backstromw@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:backstromw@stlouiscountymn.gov)).

**Sibley County (Gaylord)**

Sibley County has unpaid internships available. Contact the Sibley County Attorney's Office at [sibleycountyattorney@sibleycounty.gov](mailto:sibleycountyattorney@sibleycounty.gov).

**Stearns County (St. Cloud)**

Stearns County has at least one, if not two, law clerks at a time. We have had them after their first or second years in law school. They draft complaints, handle bail hearings, and handle misdemeanor arraignments and court trials in both the criminal and juvenile divisions- lots of court time. They also do research for the attorneys. Our law clerks are hybrid as many of the court hearings they are assigned to cover are virtual, so they can do it from the metro and just come up for court as needed. Contact Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall. [Janelle.Kendall@stearnscountymn.gov](mailto:Janelle.Kendall@stearnscountymn.gov).

**Steele County (Owatonna)**

Steele County has several student attorney positions. Please contact the Rice County Attorney Robert Jarrett [robert.jarrett@steelecountymn.gov](mailto:robert.jarrett@steelecountymn.gov) for more information.

**Swift County (Benson)**

Swift County has unpaid internships available, giving students opportunities to learn criminal law, civil law, and child related services. Contact Swift County Attorney Debora Gerads for details. [deb.gerads@swiftmn.us](mailto:deb.gerads@swiftmn.us).

**Washington County (Stillwater)**

Washington County offers several law clerk positions paid through law schools' Work-Study programs and two county-employed Senior Law Clerk positions. All law clerks are responsible for handling daily bail calendars and completing legal research and writing projects for the Criminal, Civil, and Juvenile Divisions. There are opportunities for law clerks to appear on the record at contested omnibus hearings and jury and court trials. If interested, please contact Assistant Washington County Attorney Hannah Prokopowicz ([Hannah.Prokopowicz@washingtoncountymn.gov](mailto:Hannah.Prokopowicz@washingtoncountymn.gov)).

**Winona County (Winona)**

Winona County does have unpaid (or for required credit hours) internships. Here is the link from the County's website that you can share with the students. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Wright County (Buffalo)**

Wright County has multiple law clerk positions for up to 20 hours a week with the pay at \$25 an hour. Contact Wright County Attorney Brian Lutes. [Brian.Lutes@wrightcountymn.gov](mailto:Brian.Lutes@wrightcountymn.gov).