

ABOUT US

Our criminal division prosecutes misdemeanors and handles protective order matters. Through our paid, 10-week Summer Clerk program, law students gain meaningful hands-on experience within the criminal justice system and in public service.

We are committed to fostering a supportive and challenging legal environment where students build practical skills while advancing our mission of seeking justice in an equitable and fair manner.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since County Attorney Garza's first term, our office has:

- ❖ **Doubled Family Violence Division staff**, increasing resources for our Family Violence Division by almost 50%
- ❖ **Expanded our diversion programs.** We have eliminated fees previously required to participate in these programs
- ❖ **Implemented robust weapon forfeiture program** to track compliance.

Our office is also leading the charge in **implementing a Family Justice Center**, which would be the first in Travis County and the third in the state.

QUESTIONS? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
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WHY CLERK WITH US

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE & REAL IMPACT

Clerks will:

- Engage in substantive legal assignments such as drafting briefs, motions, and memos.
- Collaborate in case preparation by collecting, organizing, and preparing evidence to present a compelling case.
- Build relationships with fellow law clerks and TCAO colleagues.
- Participate in the same training and development programs offered to attorneys and staff.
- Meet weekly with their law clerk class for facilitated discussions and activities to increase awareness and exposure to the systemic issues impacting our criminal justice system.

MAKE YOUR SUMMER COUNT!

By the end of summer, clerks will have developed their practical skills while becoming familiar with:

- ✓ The Travis County court system
- ✓ Family violence dynamics and the protective order process
- ✓ Trauma-informed practices and vicarious trauma
- ✓ Plea negotiations
- ✓ Diversion programs like the Transformative Youth Justice Program
- ✓ And much more!!!

ACTIVITIES AND NETWORKING EVENTS

Summer clerks also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events that support their learning of the law and the Austin community.

Activities our clerks have participated in the past include:

- Tour of the local jail
- Tour of East Austin Historical Home
- Local community events
- Events hosted by local bar associations
- Panel discussions with current and former prosecutors

LIFE IN AUSTIN

Summer in Austin is never boring! Austin has consistently ranked as one of the top places to live. It offers a high quality of life that appeals to many, which includes:

- **Live music** - Austin has over 407 live music venues!
- An endless assortment of **breakfast tacos**
- 208 miles of **outdoor hike and bike trails**
- Plenty of places to cool down, such as Lady Bird Lake and Barton Springs

In addition to having a robust legal community, Austin is considered a hub for technology and business. Austin was also cited by Forbes as one of the best cities for job growth.



ABOUT COUNTY ATTORNEY DELIA GARZA

County Attorney Delia Garza was elected as the Travis County Attorney in 2020 on a platform of addressing systemic challenges in the criminal justice system.

County Attorney Garza prioritizes addressing violent crime and public safety reforms that focus on fact-based and research-driven approaches; ending costly criminalization of mental illness, substance use, and poverty; and addressing racial disparities in the Travis County justice system.

INTERESTED? SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

For application deadlines and more information about our summer and post-bar clerkships, please visit our site.



<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/county-attorney/internship-opportunities-criminal-division>

The Travis County Attorney's Office is dedicated to seeking justice equitably and fairly.

THIS CLERKSHIP IS FOR YOU IF:

- You want to be agents of change in your community.
- You are **passionate** about public service
- You want to **better understand the challenges and nuances** of prosecuting cases
- You **seek practical experience**.
- You want to work with and be **mentored** by a great team.
- You want to **enhance** your **legal research and writing skills**.
- You want **courtroom exposure**.
- You are interested in building a **network in Austin, TX**.

TRAVIS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



SUMMER CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

AUSTIN, TX

“From the moment I arrived, I felt welcomed into a culture that is not only reform-minded but also embraces diversity and personal growth. For someone like me, who entered this internship as part of my third career, the level of care in both mission and mentorship was unmatched in any previous role.

-TCAO 2025 Summer Clerk

