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The Alameda County Public Defender's Office, established in 1927, is one of the oldest public defense offices in the United States. The Office's reputation for exceptional legal representation to indigent clients is due to its historically rigorous professional and ethical standards. The Alameda County Public Defender's Office is an equal opportunity employer, celebrates diversity, and is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming workplace environment.

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office takes pride in being a leader in holistic defense. With the addition of the first immigration unit to be embedded within a public defender office in California, a team of social workers, reentry programs that include a clean slate practice and voter registration, and a know-your-rights program for youth, we have expanded what it means to advocate for our clients.

Clean Slate Program Fellow

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office Clean Slate Program is a unique opportunity to work with clients who have had contact with the criminal legal system. We are one of the few public defender clean slate programs in the country offering assistance with both criminal records remedies and employment and licensure matters. Our attorneys are active locally and around the state educating practitioners, community members, and advocates about the impact and practice of clean slate law, in addition to counseling law makers about legislation. When it is safe to do so, our Program also hosts biweekly clinics in partnership with the East Bay Community Law Center. In the interim, we are accepting applications online. We also argue motions in multiple clean slate departments every week. Additionally, we attend community events and trainings to bring our Program directly to the population we serve.

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office is seeking a Clean Slate Program Fellow. Under the supervision of an attorney, this position performs a variety of legal professional support functions designed to assist attorneys. Candidates should work well in a fast-paced, high-volume setting. The position involves direct client services, community outreach, and administrative support, such as petition creation. This is a contracted position with benefits. All applicants must possess the equivalent to graduation of a Bachelors degree at an accredited college or university (120 semester units/180 quarter units). Proficiency in Spanish is a plus. We strongly encourage individuals with prior contact with the criminal legal system to apply.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and three references addressed to Sue Ra, Recruitment Coordinator, at: acpdrecruitment@acgov.org.