



**Gideon's Promise- Summer Law Clerk- Short Essay Questions (answers should be no more than 500 words)**

1. Why are you interested in public defense work?
2. Indigent defense work can be very demanding, why are you interested in working in an office that faces the additional difficulty of being a resource-challenged office?
3. What is your understanding of the Gideon's Promise mission? How does our mission align with your personal beliefs and values?
4. What professional goals have you set for the next 5 to 10 years?
5. What coursework, group/organizational participation, or previous internship experience has influenced you to consider work in indigent defense?
6. Describe the knowledge and/or expertise that you hope to gain during the Summer Law Clerk experience?
7. Public defense work sometimes requires the representation of people who may be charged with what society may label as "heinous crimes." What are your core beliefs related to this?
8. Why do you believe you are an ideal candidate for the Summer Law Clerk program?