



# PARTNER OFFICE PROFILE

## HAMPTON OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (VIDC)

HAMPTON, VA

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Name of Deputy Public Defender:  
**Dave Anderson**

#### What types of cases do you anticipate the fellow(s) will handle?

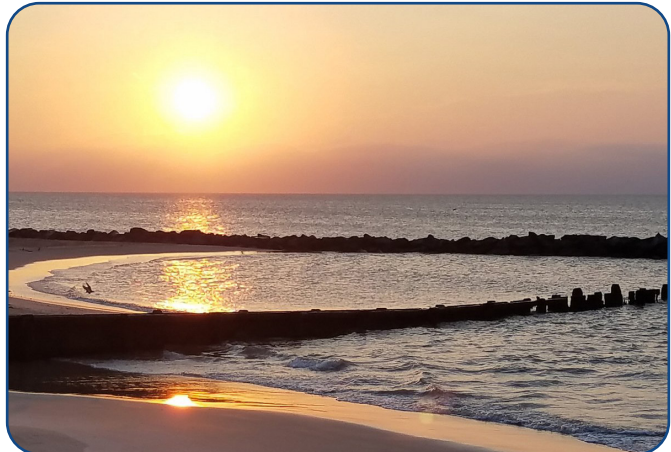
Everything. our office doesnt do any sort of teams (ex: JDR team, violent crime team, misdemeanor teams, etc.) Every attorney in our office does a little bit of everything. I only assign murder trials.

#### How many Gideon's Promise trained attorneys are in your office?

There are 2 Gideon's Promise trained attorneys in our office.



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**Please list any important facts about your office that a fellowship candidate should be aware of and that can assist in their ranking of offices. This may include information about the size and demographics of the jurisdiction, the case load size, etc.**

Hampton is a mid-sized city in Southeastern Virginia. It's a college town (Hampton University) and a tourist town. Its about an hour from Richmond and just across the James River from Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Our office is located in the village of Phoebus which is situated a short drive from Downtown, on the water, in an arts district with breweries, galleries and coffee shops just across the street. It's the only PDs office in Virginia with a beach within walking distance. As a office we spend a lot of time together, grabbing a coffee or a beer after work. Hampton has some pretty interesting demographics, as the city is exactly 50% white and 50% black. As mentioned, it's a college town and a military town so there are a lot of people coming and going. It is also a city of "haves and have nots" with many citizens living in housing projects and poor neighborhoods, while others live in luxury on the rivers, canals and beaches. Hampton is the oldest permanent English Settlement in America. The jurisdiction is very defense friendly. Our judges appreciate our role in the system and see us as necessary cogs in the criminal legal system. The citizens of Hampton are very leery of the police and this translates to a lot of success in jury trials. Our judges grant bond in most cases so we take our time and investigate our cases, argue motions, and try cases when we are ready because we aren't pressured by pretrial detention. Its also important to note that our prosecutors have "no deals" policies for a lot of our cases, so we don't spend a ton of time working on plea agreements. This does translate to slow dockets, as a felony case in Hampton commonly will take a year or more to resolve. A very high percentage of our cases go to trial. Our office is not broken up into teams, relegating new attorneys to a "misdemeanor team" or a "Juvenile Team". When you join the Hampton Office, you can expect to get cases in all courts, of all types. We take great pride in our ability to cross train new attorneys to be ready to handle any type of case thrown at them. I only assign murders, but we just had a first-year attorney sit second chair in a first-degree murder trial. In Hampton, you are into the fire right away, with all the support you need to succeed.

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