



Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office

Knoxville, Tennessee

Number of Public
Defenders

33

Number of Gideon's
Promise Defenders

18

Types of Cases Fellows
Will Handle

A wide variety of
case types

About our Office

The Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office (CLO) practices a holistic, client-centered representation model that seamlessly combines vigorous legal advocacy with robust social services and access to community resources. As a community law office, we are able to advocate for a fair and just process within the criminal justice system, while also increasing our clients' self-sufficiency and integration into the community, to positively impact the quality of life in Knox County. In collaboration with investigators and social workers, attorneys identify and confront other needs and barriers to success, as well as the collateral consequences of involvement with the criminal justice system.

About the Area

We would be happy to take any interested student on a tour of the office as well as Knoxville. Knoxville is home to the University of Tennessee, a vibrant art and music scene, a growing number of chef-owned restaurants, and miles and miles of hiking and biking trails and greenways. Knoxville sits on the Tennessee River, which provides opportunities for kayaking, fishing, paddle-boarding, and boating. We are nestled next to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Big South Fork. Knoxville also has a reasonable cost of living, something appealing to many public defenders





About the Fellowship

(1) Our office are willing to fund 1 fellows. (2) I know that people don't get into this for the money but we are fortunate that APD's can make a decent living here. We have a statutory pay scale with step raises and pay parity with the D.A.'s along with a State Pension.

Words from the Office

"We sent our first person to GP in 2009 (prior to it being GP). We have a long history as one of the first client-centered, holistic offices in the Country. We are fully bought in to holistic, client-centered representation. We recruit, hire, train, and lead based upon those principles."

Eric Lutton
District Public Defender
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