GIDEON'S PROMISE®

Shelby County Public Defender

Memphis, Tennessee

Number of Public Defenders

75+

Number of Gideon's Promise Defenders

20+

Types of Cases Fellows Will Handle

Misdemeanors & Low-Level Felonies

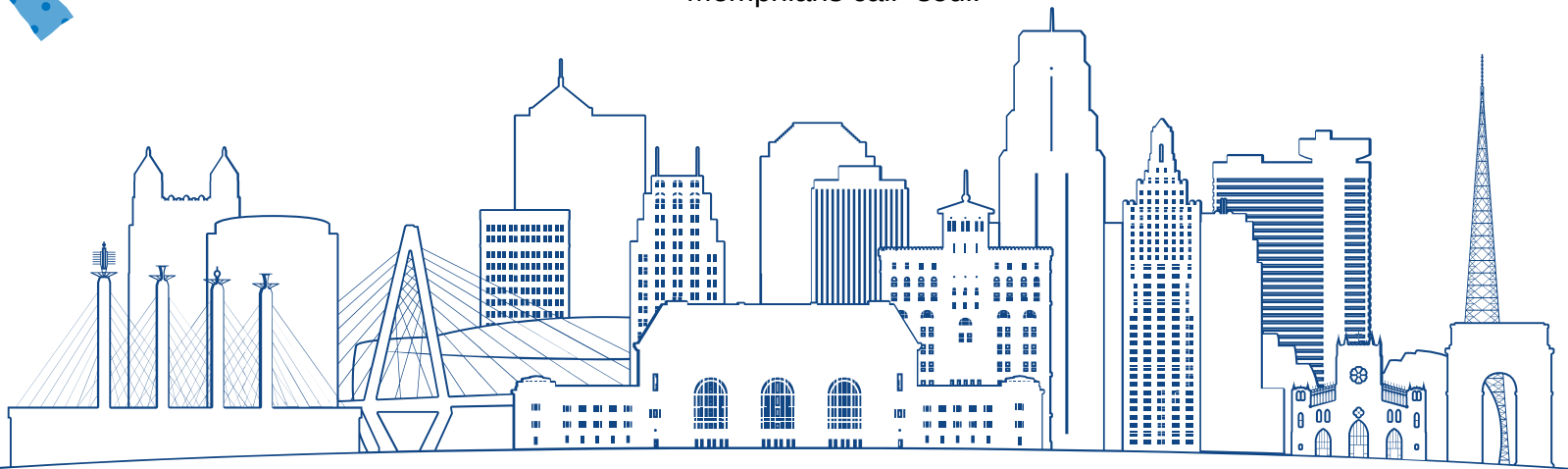
About our Office

Originating in 1917, we are the third-oldest public defender office in the country and the first east of the Mississippi. We are a client-centered office committed to using interdisciplinary vertical defense teams to achieve the best possible outcomes for our clients. See our website at www.defendshelbyco.org.

About the Area

Shelby County offers a low cost of living with a high standard of living and many cultural amenities. Our offices are located in downtown Memphis, the heart of our large metropolitan area. However, we service all municipal, county and state courts that have criminal law jurisdiction in Shelby County. Additionally, we represent clients in the state appellate courts and in the United States Supreme Court.

Memphis is a uniquely progressive city within a very conservative state, with a rich culture, celebrated music and food scene, and deep civil rights history. We benefit from the rich, vibrant culture of Memphis, but are challenged by the high rate of poverty in our community. It all combines to create that hard to define trait that we Memphians call "soul."



About the Fellowship

(1) The office is willing to support 2 Fellows. (2) Fellows may start on August 1, August 15, or September 1, depending on their preference. (3) The office anticipates contributing approximately 6 months of first-year stipend funding. (4)The office also plans for 1–2 additional attorneys to apply to CORE 101.

Words from the Office

“Every public defender's office has unique needs. Ours may include asking you to step up and handle more serious cases earlier in your career than you might in other offices. We will never ask you to take on more than you are capable of — but we will challenge you, and we are only interested in hiring people who are looking to meet that challenge.”

Glover Wright
Chief Administrative Officer
Shelby County Public Defender

