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## 6AC EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM: FALL 2023 & SPRING 2024

The Sixth Amendment Center (6AC) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that no person faces potential time in jail or prison without first having the aid of a lawyer with the time, ability, and resources to present an effective defense, as required under the United States Constitution.

Law students are integral members of our team, gaining direct exposure to pressing criminal justice issues across the country, making meaningful contributions to 6AC's evaluations and policy work, and receiving ongoing training, supervision, and mentorship. Because 6AC is a completely remote organization, law students from across the country can fully engage in our work and learn alongside national leaders!

An externship with 6AC is ideal for any law student interested in criminal justice reform, indigent defense, and social and racial equity, and provides a unique opportunity to learn about the type of multi-strategy advocacy that we believe is necessary to advance justice.

Our students work on important projects under the supervision of experienced attorneys who are dedicated to their growth and development. While specific projects change each semester, below are some highlights:

- Observe court proceedings and interview stakeholders (including judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors) for 6AC's state and county-level evaluations
- Receive recognition in nationally published reports (ex: *The Right to Counsel in Lake County, California* and *The Right to Counsel in Oakland County, Michigan*)
- Conduct legal research and writing on cutting-edge issues pertaining to the right to counsel
- Track news, litigation, and legislation related to the implementation of the right to counsel in all 50 states
- Learn about the right to counsel in America and multi-strategy approaches to public policy reform through a comprehensive series of trainings
- Receive ongoing career advice and mentorship from everyone on 6AC's staff

**6AC is now accepting applications for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 externships for academic credit.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Term-time externs typically spend 12-15 hours per week with 6AC, but we will consider student requests for alternative schedules and hours to accommodate credit needs and law school schedules.

**Applicants are required to have completed their first year of law school prior to the start of their externship. Ideal student candidates will have:**

- A demonstrated interest in criminal justice reform, indigent defense, and social and racial equity
- Experience collaborating with diverse populations
- Excellent legal research and writing skills

**To Apply:** Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis and should be addressed to Rachael Liebert ([rachael.liebert@6ac.org](mailto:rachael.liebert@6ac.org)) and Aditi Goel ([aditi.goel@6ac.org](mailto:aditi.goel@6ac.org)). Please submit the following materials with the subject line "Student Application – Fall 2023 (or Spring 2024) Externship":

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Law school transcript (may be unofficial, and students should not feel discouraged from applying based on grades)

**Inclusion:** 6AC's commitment to core principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion is central to our mission, impact, and success. We believe that a board and staff composed of varied perspectives generates better ideas and strategies to solve the complex problems our nation's criminal legal system faces. We encourage students from wide-ranging backgrounds, perspectives, and lived experiences to apply.