



# Office of the District Attorney Alameda County

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## UNIQUE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY Alameda County District Attorney's Office Civil Rights Bureau

**Job Posting:** Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Externships

**Organization Description:** Alameda County's District Attorney Pamela Y. Price is the first Black woman and the first progressive elected District Attorney in Alameda County's history. She is also the first District Attorney in the county to win a contested election, running on a platform of change, insisting that we do better in effecting transparency, equity, and accountability and addressing root causes of harm. DA Price's administration is dedicated to exemplifying the words of Desmond Tutu: *"There comes a point where we need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they're falling in."*

### Our Mission:

- 1) Advance an ethical, equitable system of justice to protect public safety, support survivors and witnesses, and uphold the rights of the accused.
- 2) Sustain a safe, livable community through fair, transparent, responsible administration of justice.
- 3) Restore public trust, end mass incarceration, and root out racial, socioeconomic and gender disparities.
- 4) Provide compassionate support for harmed victims.
- 5) Create innovative programs to enhance the lives of vulnerable and underrepresented communities, reintegrate and redeem our returning residents, empower families, and guide youth for a bright, healthy future.

**Our Vision:** Achieving a crime free county, safe and livable communities, a thriving and resilient population, and equity for all.

**Unique Opportunity:** A Civil Rights Bureau of the Alameda County District Attorney was launched in Spring 2023 with the goal of building trust in government and rooting out systemic bias. The unit has opened investigations into eight (8) very serious cases of alleged police misconduct, including possible homicides and sexual abuse. It also is reviewing the conviction integrity of numerous homicide cases as result of the perjury prosecution of an Oakland Police Homicide Detective for allegedly soliciting perjured testimony. There is an urgent need for two to four Fall and Spring Externs to support this government accountability work. Work involves creative legal research and writing, law and motion, discovery, and supporting police prosecution trial teams.

### Requirements:

- A minimum of 10 hours per week required, 20 hours per week preferred.
- Certified and non-certified students are welcome. Certified laws students will make court appearances related to Pitchess motions requesting access to law enforcement officers' personnel information.
- Discretion is a must.

**Application:** Email applications and any questions to **Desmond Jeffries at [DARecruiting@acgov.org](mailto:DARecruiting@acgov.org)**  
Applicants should provide a resume and cover letter. Cover letters should address motivation for working for a progressive DA and specifically on police prosecution cases. Please include "Government Accountability Externship" in the email subject line.