

Our Mission

The mission of the Office of the Orange County District Attorney is to enhance public safety and welfare and to protect and respect crime victims and to create security in the community through the vigorous enforcement of criminal and civil laws in a just, honest, efficient and ethical manner.

Past Program Participant Feedback

"This was a very good experience. I simply cannot put a price on the jury trial experience. I will be a better and more confident lawyer for having done this. Also, it was personally fulfilling to be a part of the criminal justice system."

"The preliminary hearings added a lot to my experience. It gave me an opportunity to put on witnesses and make arguments in a high stress environment. It also helped me to develop more 'thinking on your feet' skills."

"TAP gave me an opportunity to implement the trial strategies and techniques that I have learned over the past several years. It increased my confidence in my ability to try cases."

A message from your District Attorney

Our communities need strong and compassionate prosecutors to uphold the law and ensure criminals are held accountable. We're looking for skilled attorneys to step up, lend their voice, and help prosecute cases through our **Trial Attorney Partnership**. This is a great opportunity to get courtroom experience, work alongside veteran prosecutors, and make a real difference in keeping Orange County the safest large county in California.

If you're ready to use your expertise in service of crime victims, join us in the fight for justice.

TODD SPITZER



APPLY

Please submit your resume to
TAP-Program@ocdapa.org

JOIN OUR TEAM



For more specific information, please visit the
Orange County District Attorney website
orangecountyda.org/recruitment/

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Invest 8 Weeks | Gain Skills for a Lifetime



THE PROGRAM

The Trial Attorney Partnership (TAP) Program provides attorneys the unique opportunity to prosecute crimes on a volunteer basis.

TRAINING

Participants will receive intensive training on prosecutorial skills and work full time as prosecutors for eight weeks.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

- Courtroom Skill Development
- Trial Experience
- MCLE Compliance Credit Opportunities
- Sense of Purpose
- Career Growth
- Advocacy Opportunities
- Team Collaboration

NETWORKING

Interact with District Attorney staff, police officers, liaison officers, court personnel, defense attorneys and judges.



...FOR THE PEOPLE



TIME COMMITMENT

TAP participants must commit to **eight consecutive weeks** at the District Attorney's Office.

8:00 AM- 5:00 PM *

*May require excess hours based on workload

WORK LOCATIONS

- Central Justice Center
- Harbor Justice Center
- North Justice Center
- West Justice Center

RESPONSIBILITIES

Case Filings

Analyze criminal investigations of misdemeanor offenses to assess evidence, identify legal issues and arguments, in order to make charging decisions.

Pre-Trial

Conduct pre-trial negotiations and advocate with opposing counsel and the court to ensure the most favorable resolution for the People.

Motions

Perform legal research and author motions and memoranda addressing a wide range of legal issues related to misdemeanor prosecutions.

Hearings

Litigate contested evidentiary hearings and conduct felony preliminary hearings by examining witnesses, handling objections, applying rules of evidence, and delivering oral arguments.

Jury Trials

Participants are integrated into the regular trial rotation within their assigned courts to gain hands-on experience conducting jury trials.

Make a difference

Engage with victims and citizens.

