A message from Kendall County's Criminal District Attorney, Nicole Bishop

"A prosecutor has the responsibility to see that justice is done, and not simply to be an advocate. This responsibility carries with it a number of specific obligations as set out in 3.09 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Among these is to see that no person is threatened with or subjected to the rigors of a criminal prosecution without good cause. A prosecutor's first duty is to seek justice, not a conviction. I believe that prosecutors, given the power we have to bring charges, should be held to the highest ethical standards."

A few of Mrs. Bishop's top goals include:

- "Victims of crime should be given a voice and provided assistance to navigate our judicial system. I will continue to seek protective orders for victims of family violence and sexual assault, and work closely with the Kendall County Women's Shelter to assist victims of domestic violence."
- "Local businesses and consumers deserve protection from deceptive business practices.
 Before making a decision that an issue is civil, we will make sure that all criminal prosecutorial avenues have been explored."
- "I will be proactive in keeping our children safe.
 When it rises to a criminal offense, cyber bullying
 or the distribution of inappropriate images of
 classmates or other juveniles will be handled
 appropriately and justly for all those involved."
- "Young and/or first time offenders in certain circumstances may be given an opportunity to turn their life around through a rigorous zero tolerance pretrial intervention program so that those individuals may become successful, productive, and contributing members of society."

Who We Are

The Office of the Criminal District handles the following:

- All aspects of felony and misdemeanor cases from traffic tickets to capital murder
- Intake
- Motions and hearings
- Trials
- Appeals
- Asset seizure and forfeiture
- Bond forfeiture
- Advise and assist law enforcement in all aspects of criminal investigations
- Juvenile
- Protective orders
- · Mental health commitments
- · Environmental civil cases
- Elderly protection cases
- Civil commitment proceedings for sexually violent predators (new)
- Legal advisor to commissioners court (as mandated in the enacting statute)
- · Truancy cases



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KENDALL COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Office Opportunities

- Research case law for hearing and trial preparation
- Intake of criminal cases presented by law enforcement agencies
- Motion preparation for motions, hearings, or trials
- Research and memo writing for legal questions that arise at any point of the intake, negotiation, or trial process
- Case review for all cases, from traffic citations to first degree felonies
- Interns work closely with misdemeanor and felony prosecutors as well as the opportunity to do research and special tasks for the District Attorney and First Assistant District Attorney

Summer Internship Program

The Office of the Criminal District Attorney has a Summer Internship available for up to two Law Students.

Interns are assigned to criminal attorneys to assist with all phases of prosecution including: draft and edit charging instruments, pleadings, and motions, as well as assist with trial preparation. Proficiency in legal research is a prerequisite. Some interns with third year Bar Cards who are deemed qualified may participate in hearings and trials.

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Submit application, cover letter, and resume to CDA@co.kendall.tx.us, or in person or by mail to Kendall County Criminal District Attorney's Office, Attn: Office Manager, 201 E. San Antonio Ave. Ste. 306, Boerne, Texas 78006



Courtroom Opportunities

- Justice of the Peace Bench and Jury Trials (get a firsthand understanding of trial procedure - voir dire, admitting evidence, questioning witnesses, opening/closing arguments)
- Misdemeanor Hearings (assist in researching, preparing, and potentially arguing Suppression Motions, Motions to Quash, Motions to Revoke and Motions to Adjudicate, etc.)
- Misdemeanor Trials (opportunity to first chair a trial for supervised practice qualifying students that prove themselves capable. Will have the opportunity to sit second chair and assist in trials and trial preparation)
- Felony Trials (possibility to sit second chair or assist in voir dire note taking/jury strikes of felony trials)
- Ample opportunities to be in front of a judge and gain valuable courtroom experience