

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia presents the

## *Third Annual*

# CRIMINAL DEFENSE TRIAL PRACTICE INSTITUTE

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia is pleased to present the 2016 Spring Break Criminal Defense Trial Practice Institute (Institute). The Institute seeks to help students cultivate effective trial advocacy skills and explore indigent criminal defense work. The program consists of a week of workshops on how to conduct opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, and closing arguments. In addition, students will learn how to develop theories of defense, master the rules of evidence, and impeach witnesses at trial. At the end of the program, students will participate in full-length mock trials presided over by District of Columbia Superior Court judges.



TPI COORDINATORS

Left to Right: David Knight - Harvard '09, Kia Sears\*- Harvard '04  
Ishaah Murphy - Harvard '12, Dominique Winters - Harvard '10

Not Pictured: Dinah Manning - Columbia '14  
Jennifer Thomas - UTexas '91

The Institute is designed to support law students from traditionally underrepresented minority groups, students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, and/or students from law schools that lack criminal defense and trial advocacy training opportunities.

The Institute will be held **March 13 - March 18, 2016**. Each student is expected to commit to participating in the entire program, which includes five evening sessions. The program is free of charge to students, although students are expected to provide their own transportation and lodging.

To apply, please complete the application on the PDS website by consolidating and uploading as a **single PDF** the following: a letter describing your criminal defense interest and trial advocacy experience (less than two pages) and a copy of your current resume. At the end of your essay, please include your availability for a phone interview on **Monday, February 15, 2016**. The deadline to submit your application is **Sunday, February 14, 2016\***.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Director of Legal Recruiting Jennifer Thomas, at [Jenthomas@pdsdc.org](mailto:Jenthomas@pdsdc.org) or (202) 824-2337.

\*The Institute coordinators have increased the number of openings for this year's program. If you have previously applied your application is still under consideration and there is no need to take further action.