



SIXTH  
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CENTER

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## Program Manager for Law Student Network

### Job Posting & Position Description

#### Organization

The Sixth Amendment Center (6AC) is a national non-partisan, non-profit 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 by the United States Constitution. We do so by measuring public defense systems against Sixth Amendment case law and established national standards of justice. When shortcomings are identified, we help states and counties make their courts more fair by implementing the constitutional right to counsel.

Founded in 2013, 6AC is not your typical non-profit organization. Helping ensure equal access to justice for people of limited means nationwide requires us to operate differently. Our staff is decentralized, working remotely from locations throughout the country (we have successfully operated remotely even before the start of the pandemic!) and developed tools to deliver services out into the field. 6AC is not a membership organization and we do not litigate. Policymakers and criminal legal system stakeholders look to us for objective and reliable information on how to ensure that the constitutional right to counsel for people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer is being met.

#### 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 candidates from wide-ranging backgrounds, perspectives, and lived experiences to apply.

## Position summary

6AC's Program Manager will take a leading role in expanding [6AC's Law Student Network](#) by fostering a nationwide network of law students to work on indigent defense policy reform projects at 6AC. The Program Manager will run the day-to-day operations of the law school internship program while also participating in 6AC's evaluations, technical assistance, and reform efforts throughout the country.

### Responsibilities include:

- Design and implement law student internship projects that teach law students and post-graduate fellows about the constitutional right to counsel, national standards and case law on indigent defense, and the values guiding 6AC reform efforts.
- Run day-to-day operations of the law school internship program, including supervising, and engaging regularly and empathically with law students and post-graduate fellows.
- Recruit and select ambitious and diverse law students and post-graduate fellows from law schools throughout the country for 6AC's Law Student Network, including attending job fairs, reviewing applications, and conducting interviews.
- Collaborate with 6AC staff to create, manage, and execute a marketing strategy and a fair application process for 6AC's Law Student Network.
- Collaborate with 6AC staff in developing relationships with law schools and law school faculty throughout the country.
- Participate in investigating and reporting on state governments' compliance with U.S. Supreme Court and state-based right to counsel case law, through a combination of remote and in-person data collection, court observations, and stakeholder interviews.
- Research statutes, case law, court rules, and policies governing the delivery of right to counsel services across the nation.
- Participate in producing written reports and papers to document research findings.
- Provide technical assistance on right to counsel issues to state and local criminal legal system stakeholders and policymakers in support of 6AC's reform efforts.

This position has supervisory responsibilities of law student interns and/or post-graduate fellows.

## Salary & benefits

Compensation is commensurate with experience, from \$105,000 to \$118,000, plus benefits that include health and supplemental insurance coverage, with flexible schedule possibilities. This is a grant-funded position.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 6AC staff may qualify for the federal public service loan forgiveness program. It is incumbent upon candidates to ensure their specific eligibility.

## Location & travel

This is a work-from-home position with flexible schedule possibilities. Travel up to 30% may be required to the extent that it is permitted by existing public health requirements and guidelines.

## Minimum qualifications

*Candidates must meet the minimum qualifications to be considered for this role.*

- Juris Doctor degree.
- Active state bar law license.
- At least 3 years of trial-level criminal defense, juvenile delinquency, or other relevant legal experience.
- At least 1 year of law student supervisory or law student career advising experience.

## Preferred qualifications

- Valid driver's license.
- Demonstrated ability to support the skill development of supervisees, including the ability to constructively provide feedback.
- Familiarity with social media platforms for 6AC Law Student Network recruitment.
- Experience collaborating with diverse populations.
- Excellent written and oral presentation skills.
- Ability to self-motivate, working equally effectively alone and as a member of a team.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and legal research tools (such as Westlaw and LexisNexis).

## FLSA status

This position is exempt.

## How to apply

Please submit to [staff@6ac.org](mailto:staff@6ac.org) (1) a resume and (2) a statement of no more than 300 words responding to the following question:

Based on 6AC's recent [evaluation of Illinois' indigent defense system](#), how can law students best contribute to 6AC's indigent defense reform efforts?

Applications received by June 1, 2022 will be given preference, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Inquiries about this position can be addressed to [nancy.bennett@6ac.org](mailto:nancy.bennett@6ac.org) and [aditi.goel@6ac.org](mailto:aditi.goel@6ac.org).