



# **The Southern Public Defender Training Center**

## **Application for the New Lawyer Core Program**

“There is no other program like this one. To be effective attorneys, particularly as public defenders, we need to spend REAL TIME on the essentials of trial practice. A boot camp like this one, set up where our only responsibility is to learn, is the ONLY WAY to gain these imperative skills in a meaningful way.”

— Member of the SPDTC Class of 2008



## Applicant Data

All applications, including two reference letters in sealed envelopes and resume, are due no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> by 5 p.m. (Eastern). We will not consider late or incomplete applications.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred first name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (Optional: This helps us maintain our goal of a diverse class):

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Do you require special accommodations? (Wheelchair accessibility, hearing impaired, etc.):

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Have you applied to this program before? \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about SPDTC? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you participated in other training programs and, if so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Employment

Present employer \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time with employer \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

List previous employment for the last three years with beginning and ending dates:

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## Education

SPDTC selects defenders with diverse educational backgrounds. Please list all schools attended beginning with your undergraduate degree. Include military training, trade or technical school, GED completion, college, law and any other graduate degrees. In addition, please list any future educational goals.

### COLLEGE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Years completed \_\_\_\_\_ Major & Degree \_\_\_\_\_

### LAW SCHOOL

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Years completed \_\_\_\_\_ Major & Degree \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Years completed \_\_\_\_\_ Major & Degree \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay Questions

Starting below and continuing on the next page, you will be asked to elaborate on skills, passions and dedication related to public interest and/or public defense exhibited in past activities and/or experiences. (You may answer the following by writing or typing in the space provided, or you may use a separate sheet of paper.)

1. What skills do you want to develop or improve?

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2. What issues are you most passionate about?

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3. What do you envision yourself doing in the future? How will participation in SPDTC help you achieve that?

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4. Describe an experience in your life that influenced your desire to be a public defender? (Examples include, but are not limited to, a specific experience or set of experiences, a teacher or mentor who influenced you, an internship, etc.)

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5. What do you consider to be your greatest achievement, and how did you accomplish it?

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6. Why do you want to practice in the southeastern United States?

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7. What would you hope to achieve from being a part of the SPDTC community?

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**Checklist**

Before you send in your application, make sure it is accompanied by the items listed below:

- Completed application, signed or otherwise approved by supervisor, and attachments
- Reference form/letter in sealed envelope
- Résumé with your application
- Other information such as papers you have written, newspaper articles, or flier related to community work or events you have worked on (Optional)

If you have any questions about this application, please contact SPDTC.

**Certification (*sign and return to SPDTC*)**

By signing below, you are certifying that all information in this application is true.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If sending by mail, please return your completed application to:

**Ms. Ilham Askia  
Program Director  
Southern Public Defender Training Center  
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Suite 2460  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**All electronic submissions should be sent to:**

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