Community Court gives low level, misdemeanor defendants the opportunity to give back to the community where their offenses occurred. Problem-solving justice programs understand that low-level, non-violent crimes are often committed by those with significant barriers, such as homelessness, unemployment and mental health or drug/alcohol problems.

Rather than go to jail, defendants who enter the program can help themselves in overcoming their own problems as they complete:

- Community service to improve the neighborhood
- Social service referrals to agencies that help with public benefits, housing, employment, education, counseling, and alternatives to prostitution and substance abuse.

**Internship activities:**

**Community Service Site Support**

- Support Community Court defendants in completing hours through neighborhood cleanups, traffic circle maintenance, and community garden preparation.

**Skills required/preferred:**

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Able to pass criminal history and background.
- Comfortable with diverse populations and able to interact well with community partners.
- Enjoys Community Service and giving back to the community.
Benefits:

- Work for an innovative program that is changing lives.
- Become more knowledgeable of the judicial system.
- Interact with Seattle’s diverse populations (age, gender, race, sexual orientation, social economic backgrounds).
- Learn about the different social service resources and organizations locally and state-wide.

This is an unpaid internship and there is minimal office work. The Seattle City Attorney’s Office is endorsed to provide academic credit hours if pre-approved by your academic advisor.

Summer Internships start mid June and run through late August/early Sept.

Please send a Cover Letter, Resume’ and completed Internship Application to stephanie.tschida@seattle.gov