
**GONZAGA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

**QUESTIONS TO EXPECT WHEN INTERVIEWING
FOR A PUBLIC DEFENDER POSITION**

- Why do you want to be a public defender?
- Why do you want to work here? (It is very important to show why you are interested in a specific office)
- Tell me about a difficult experience you had in clinic or other work setting and how you overcame it. What would you do differently in the future?
- What was your favorite client's name? (Hint: do not reveal as doing so would violate confidentiality.)
- What would make you a good trial advocate?
- How would you relate to clients who look very different from you?
- How would you go about building a trusting relationship with a client?
- Is there any type of crime you would have trouble defending, like child molestation or rape?