

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office 2018 Fall Hires

1. Shawn Baldwin, who is a recent graduate from Dickinson School of Law, will be joining the Law Division. She graduated summa cum laude from Columbus State University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. She was a Senior Instructor at the Military Police Academy at Fort Stewart, GA; a Senior Correctional Officer at the Muscogee County Prison in Columbus, GA; and the co-founder of the Penn State Dickinson Law Diversity Forum.
2. John Bezerra graduated from the American University, Washington College of Law. He has an M.B.A. from the American University and a B.A. from George Washington University in Political Science and History. He also has extensive law clerk experience from two Washington D.C. law firms, was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and was a Men's Division 1 Water Polo team member.
3. Susie Buck, graduated from Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law, and was most recently a criminal defense and contract attorney. She has legal intern experience with the Federal Community Defender's Office for the Eastern District of PA, and has a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Criminal Justice from Villanova University where she graduated cum laude.
4. Alysha Clarke is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Temple University, was a member of the Temple's Women's Law Caucus, has extensive law clerk experience, and is a supporter of U.S. service men and women through Freedom Steps.
5. Rachael Cohen is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She was a PA Supreme Court Law Clerk for the Hon. Justice Max Baer. Prior to law school, she earned a B.S. in Media, Culture, and Communications from New York University, and worked as a Producer for CBS News/CBSN in NY.
6. Kwambina Coker is a recent graduate from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. He has a B.A. in Law and Society from Frostburg State University, was an intern with our office as a 2L, and was an intern in the U.S. Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia. He also is a volunteer at the Columbus School of Law's Street Law program.
7. Lauren Crump is a recent graduate from Richmond University, T. C. Williams School of Law. While at Richmond, she was a Moot Court Board Member, Richmond's Women's Law member, and a member of the Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society. She also interned at the New Kent Commonwealth's Attorney's Office in New Kent, VA, and graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science and History from Syracuse University.
8. Nina Datlof is a recent graduate from Boston College's College of Law. She has a B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Rochester, intern experience for Philadelphia's Public Interest Law Center, and has volunteered at local veterinary hospitals.
9. Matthew Davis, who is a recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh's College of Law, will be joining the Law Division. He graduated cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Political Science; was a Summer Associate for Meyer, Unkovic & Scott in Pittsburgh; and a Legislative Intern for PA Speaker of the House of Representatives Mike Turzai.

10. Danielle DerOhannesian is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She has a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Anthropology and Arabic from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec; was an intern with the U.S. State Department and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand; and volunteered at the Lutheran Settlement Home. Danielle speaks French, Arabic, Lebanese, and Egyptian.
11. Christine Einerson is a recent graduate from the Brooklyn Law School. She was an intern with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of NY, NY County District Attorney's Office, and graduated cum laude from Temple University with a B.S. in Political Science and Public Relations.
12. Harrison Fonteix is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. He interned with the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, the Superior Court of NJ, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. He also graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in English from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA.
13. Ryan Friel, graduated cum laude from Syracuse University's College of Law and has a B.A. in English from Fairfield University. He was most recently a Regulatory Coordinator with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority in Philadelphia, and was previously an attorney with Smithbridge, LLP, and an intern with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of NY.
14. Daniel Fryer is a recent graduate from the University of Michigan Law School. Dan has worked part-time for a civil rights firm in Detroit, earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, has a M.A. in Philosophy from University College London, and is pursuing his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania.
15. A.J. Greer, who is a recent graduate from Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, joined the Law Division last month. He was the Executive Articles Editor for the Law Review, participated in the Federal Litigation Appeals Clinic, and earned a B.S. in Secondary English Education from Temple University.
16. Vincent Gryscavage, who is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law, will be joining the Trial Division. He has a B.S. in History from Temple University, was a paralegal in the DAO's Charging Unit, interned in the DAO's Trial Division, and has a B.A. in History from Temple University.
17. Darelee Hamilton is a recent graduate from American University, Washington College of Law. She has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Cedar Crest College, and just completed a clerkship for the Hon. President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper of the Court of Common Pleas. She also interned with the Hon. Paul Grimm of the U.S. District Court for the Southeastern District of MD, and studied abroad in Switzerland with the Law and Diplomacy Program.
18. Michael Hollander earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia's College of Law and graduated Highest Honors with a B.S. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia. He was a Supervising Attorney with Philadelphia's Community Legal Services, recognized as a Legal Rebel by the ABA Journal in 2015 for his work on the Expungement Generator, and is a published author in several legal publications and conventional media outlets.

19. Eamon Kenny is a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania's Law School, will be. He has a M.A. in Music, Jazz Guitar and Arranging from New Jersey City University and a B.A. in Psychology from Tulane University. He just completed a clerkship for the Hon. R. Barclay Surrick of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA. He also interned with the Federal Community Defender's Office, and is a guitarist and composer.
20. Jordan King is a recent graduate from University of Pennsylvania's Law School. He has extensive intern, associate, and part-time employment experience with several law firms and the Broward County Public Defender's Office in FL, and a B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.
21. Kyle Linardo is a recent graduate from University of Richmond, T. C. Williams School of Law. He interned with the Hon. Bernard DeLury, Jr. of the NJ Atlantic County Superior Court and the Public Safety & Criminal Justice Division of the VA Attorney General, and graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Leadership Studies, also from the University of Richmond.
22. Thomas Mandracchia, who is a recent graduate from University of Pennsylvania's Law School, will be joining the Law Division. He has intern experience at Cozen O'Connor, LLC. and with the Hon. Judge DeFino-Nastasi of the Court of Common Pleas. He also graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in History from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
23. Greg Mazmanian is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. He has a B.A. in Education and History from Villanova University. He also interned with the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington D.C., was a Legal Studies Teaching Assistant at Temple University, is an Eagle Scout, and an Emergency Medical Technician Volunteer.
24. Margaret McDermott is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She interned with the Philadelphia Family Court Help Center, was a Judicial Intern for the Hon. J. Scott O'Keefe of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and has a B.A. in English Literature and History from the University of Pittsburgh.
25. Jennifer Newman is a recent graduate from Georgetown University's Law Center. She has a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in International Studies, both from American University. She interned with the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, and was an Explainer with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.
26. Robert Oliver graduated from Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law, and will be joining the Law Division. He just completed a clerkship for the Hon. Gail A. Weilhimer of the Court of Common Pleas in Norristown, and has a B.S. in Business Administration from Temple University.
27. James Rathz, who is a recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania's Law School, will be joining the Law Division. He just completed a clerkship for the Hon. Robert McDonald of the Maryland Court of Appeals. He also interned with the U.S. Department of Justice; graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies: communications, law economics and government from the American University; and is a certified scuba diver.

28. Aisha Rich graduated from Harvard University's Law School and was Managing Editor of the Harvard Law Review. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science, and just completed a clerkship for the Hon. Leondra Kruger in the Supreme Court of California. She also clerked for the Hon. Edmond Chang in Chicago of the District Court for the Northern District of IL; and for the Hon. Amalya Kearsse of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in NY.
29. Zehava Robbins is a recent graduate from Stanford University's Law School. She graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Psychology and Latin from Tufts University, and just completed a clerkship for the Hon. Frank Gaziano of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She earned her B.S. in Psychology and Latin from Tufts University.
30. Jillian Roth is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She was a Paralegal in the DAO's Conviction Review Unit and Legislation & Policy Unit. She was also a Behavioral Health Liaison for the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and has a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.
31. Jason Sam is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. He was an intern with the DAO, speaks Malayalam fluently, and has a B.A. in Political Science from Temple University.
32. Jacob Segal is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. He interned with the Hon. Alice Beck Dubow of the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the Hon. Daniel Anders, of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and the DAO's Trial and Homicide Divisions. He also has a B.A. in Political Science from New York University.
33. Aditi Sherikar graduated from Georgetown University's Law Center, and graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Communication and Political Science from the University of California San Diego. She joins the DAO from San Francisco, California, where she was a Managing Associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. While there, she led substantial pro bono work representing domestic violence victims, assisting former prisoners in accessing services and expunging records, and researching and conducting immigration-related outreach for the ACLU and International Refugee Assistance Project.
34. Anne Steel is a recent graduate from Washington and Lee University's School of Law. She was an intern with the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, the DAO, and graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Villanova University.
35. Cem Surmeli graduated from Georgetown University's Law Center. He was most recently an Associate with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP in Irvine, CA. He was previously an intern with Pasaogulari & Pasaogulari in Izmir, Turkey; is fluent in Turkish; and graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology from the University of California, Irvine.
36. Mariya Tsalkovich is a recent graduate from Temple University, Beasley School of Law. She was an intern for the Hon. Michael Erdos of the First Judicial District, is fluent in Russian, proficient in Italian, graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Psychology from Hunter College of The City University of New York, and competes in Latin Ballroom Dance.
37. Christian Wynne is a recent graduate from Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law. He was an extern for the Hon. Charles Ehrlich of the First Judicial District and Villanova University's Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Prior to law

school she earned a B.A. in Sociology from Ursinus College, and worked as an Integrated Services Coordinator for Communities in Schools Philadelphia.

38. Laura Zipin, who is a recent graduate magna cum laude from Temple University, Beasley School of Law, will be joining the Law Division. She has a B.A. in English from Haverford College, and just completed a clerkship for the Hon. Timothy Rice of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of PA. She was previously an extern for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, and has a B.A. in English from Haverford College.