



East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Public Defender

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Number of Public
Defenders

60

Number of Gideon's
Promise Defenders

6

Types of Cases Fellows
Will Handle

Misdemeanors &
Lower level felonies

About our Office

The East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender exists to provide the citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish with high quality, client-focused legal representation in the 19th Judicial District's criminal and juvenile justice system. Our mission is to create a client-centered, community oriented defender office founded on the pursuit of equal justice and zealous representation for the indigent community of Baton Rouge.

OPDBR is committed to:

1. Delivering high quality legal representation and services to those adults, children, and families supported by our office.
2. Providing zealous and effective representation for our clients at all stages of the criminal process.
3. Promoting and protecting the best interests of the client by creating an office focused on professionalism and adherence to the ethical standards of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct.





About the Fellowship

(1) Our office are willing to fund 1 fellow; (2) Our office handles most of the trial-level capital work for the state in addition to serving as the public defender office for the most populous district in the state. Thus, if a fellow's intention is to eventually do capital work, this would be a good placement.

Words from the Office

“We are two years into a rebuilding phase in the largest public defender office in the state of Louisiana. We have a group of committed, enthusiastic lawyers who are working to transform the culture of the office in a state that has not always appropriately valued public defense. Gideon's Promise is an essential part of our effort to transform the culture of public defense in Baton Rouge and in Louisiana.”

Kyla Romanach
Chief Public Defender
East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Public Defender

