

Orleans Parish Criminal District Court

I. **Goals:**

The goal of the Orleans Criminal District Court experience is to provide the Forensic Psychiatry Fellows with a comprehensive educational experience focusing on the Courtroom Experience.

II. **Objectives:**

The Fellows will accompany Tulane University faculty for at least 4 hours per week for six months per year to the Criminal District Court in an experience to gain an understanding and appreciation for the following:

1. Forensic Psychiatry Fellows will receive clinical experience performing a variety of evaluations including but not limited to: Competency Evaluations of pre-trial defendants awaiting trial, Pre-Sentence evaluations, Post-Conviction evaluations and Dangerousness assessments of individuals adjudicated NGBRI returning to court with recommendations from the forensic hospital.
2. Fellows will evaluate at least two defendants per week and will submit written reports to the court with recommendations.
3. Fellows will gain experience in providing expert witness testimony on the psychiatric issues pertaining to the defendant.
4. Fellows will receive direct formal supervision by trained forensic psychiatrist concerning clinical and educational issues in forensic psychiatry.

Fellows will be evaluated based on the satisfactory accomplishment of the objectives and will be given immediate feedback.