

Externship Information For Prospective Students

Fall/Spring Program

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The Externship Program is designed to enhance traditional classroom instruction by engaging students in real life lawyer experience with practicing lawyers and judges in the community. This program offers students a chance to develop practical legal skills, learn more about an area of law, receive meaningful feedback from attorneys, and judges in the community, and guidance from faculty supervisors. The Program is designed for 3L students with the potential for 2L students in their Spring semester depending on space. Externship students earn 3 hours of academic credit.

Placements:

- state and federal judges
- divisions of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office
- non-profit organizations
- corporate counsels
- legal services offices
- state government agencies
- prosecutor's offices
- public defender's offices
- city or county attorneys
- in-house counsel

Expectations:

Externs work 140 hours over the course of the semester, roughly 10-12 hours a week. Course requirements include weekly journal writings, individual conferences with faculty supervisors, small class meetings and various evaluations and summaries at mid-term and end of the semester.

Information:

Students interested in exploring an externship should review the information binders in the Externship Office, Room 5085. There are two sets of binders: black binders provide information about the sites; white binders contain comments from previous student externs regarding the sites. For more information, please email Melissa Saltzman, Program Coordinator, at msaltzma@email.unc.edu.

How to Sign-Up:

Each February there is a lottery for the Clinical Program and the Externship Program - See Shelby Mann in the Dean's Office for more information on the lottery.

Opportunities:

- Examine legal doctrines, practices and policy in the context of actual social and business problems;
- "Try on" and explore a particular area of practice;
- Observe and learn different lawyering styles and techniques;
- Develop key lawyering skills such as legal analysis, research and writing, interviewing and counseling, negotiation, policy making and both informal and formal advocacy;
- Critically examine learning strategies, goals and progress, development of self-directed learning habits;
- Further understanding professional responsibility through discussion of ethical and moral issues as they arise in practice.