

## A TRANSITION TO PRACTICE

# EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**EXTERNSHIPS** are designed to enhance traditional classroom instruction by engaging students in real life lawyering experiences with practicing lawyers and judges in the community. Partner sites include judges at the federal and state level, government agencies and in-house corporate counsel. Through these externship experiences, students:

- Explore an area of the law in depth
- Develop practical lawyering skills
- Receive meaningful feedback from experienced attorneys and judges
- Observe different lawyering styles and techniques
- Critically examine learning strategies and goals
- Enhance understanding of professional responsibility through focused discussions

The Externship Program offers three options to help students become practice ready.

### THE 3- AND 6-CREDIT PROGRAM FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS

Students work on site under the supervision of a practicing attorney or judge for 11 hours per week for 3-credit externships and 20 hours per week for 6-credit externships. In addition to an on-site mentor, students are assigned a faculty supervisor who facilitates the students' exploration of their professional development through individual conferences, journal writing and group discussion.

Sites include:

- Federal, NC Appellate, Superior and Administrative Courts
- Government agencies
- Corporate legal departments
- Criminal prosecution and defense
- Legal services and non-profits



Extern Matthew Taylor '18, former extern and current clerk Kerry Boehm '15, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephani Humrickhouse '80, and extern Danny Budasoff '18.



N.C. Supreme Court Justice Cheri L. Beasley with extern La-Deidre Matthews '18.

## SEMESTER IN PRACTICE

### FALL SEMESTER

The Semester in Practice is a capstone academic program for law students interested in externing full time during the fall semester of their 3L year with one of our partner sites in Washington, D.C., New York City, Atlanta, Chapel Hill, Asheville and Pawley's Island, S.C.

Students live and work off campus, externing 40 hours per week on site in lieu of attending classes at UNC School of Law. Students are assigned an on-site supervisor as well as a faculty supervisor who facilitates the students' exploration of their professional development through individual conferences, journal writing and group discussion. Students receive 12 pass/fail units of credit.

## THE SUMMER PROGRAM

### FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

Summer externs receive five units of pass/fail credit for externing at one of our partner placements for 32 hours per week during the 7-week summer school session from mid-May through the end of June. The program works with rising second- and third-year students. Students attend orientation the first Monday, class on Friday mornings, and one field trip.

Sites include those listed above.

*for a list of sites, visit:*

[www.law.unc.edu/academics/externship/](http://www.law.unc.edu/academics/externship/)

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