The Judicial Clerkship Clinic Experience

This externship course offers students a structured, hands-on exposure to civil and criminal litigation from the judicial perspective.

Students work as part-time law clerks under the supervision of local, state or federal trial or appellate judges.

The clerkship provides an opportunity for students to develop advanced legal research and writing skills.

Typical Activities

- Observing hearings, trials and other court proceedings
- Performing extensive legal research
- Drafting a series of legal memoranda relevant to cases under submission by the courts

Requirements

To receive 3 credits, students must work in their placements a minimum of 156 hours (12 hrs/week) and produce a minimum of 30 pages of polished research and writing.

To receive 4 credits, students are required to work 208 hours (16 hrs/week) and produce a minimum of 40 pages of polished research and writing.

Attending bi-weekly meetings with course instructor.

Students who are notified that they are enrolled in this externship must attend an orientation meeting prior to the start of the semester.

Prerequisites

Students must have completed a course from the ethics curriculum.

NOTE: Some Courts require that students have legal writing experience or have demonstrated their scholastic excellence.

The Bottom Line

- Enrollment is limited to 14 students.
- The course is graded on a credit/no credit basis.
- There is no final exam for this course.
- This course is a 3 or 4 credit course, each having a set minimum of written pages that must be produced.
- Students are NOT required to have Rule 13 certification.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 85 to be accepted into the Judicial Clerkship.

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