Judicial Clerkship Externship

The Judicial Clerkship Externship 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 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 or orders relevant to cases under consideration by the court

Requirements

To receive 3 credits, students must work in their placements a minimum of 156 hours; they must work 208 hours to earn 4 credits.

Produce a minimum of 10 pages of polished research and writing for each credit hour for which they are enrolled.

Observe and report on a series of federal and state trial and appellate court proceedings.

Attend 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.

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Pre-/Co- Requisites

A course from the ethics curriculum is a pre-/co- requisite.

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 can be taken for 3-4 credits, with each credit hour having a minimum number of written pages that must be produced and a minimum number of hours per week that must be worked.

Note: Credits from this externship course count toward the 19 maximum credits a J.D. student can take in non-law classes and law classes without a classroom component.

- Students are NOT required to have Rule 13 certification.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.40 to be accepted into the Judicial Clerkship Externship.