

## 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.

### Judicial Clerkship Externship Faculty

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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.