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The New York Regulatory & Business Externship places law students in a semester-long clinical experience in New York. The externship gives students the opportunity to learn first-hand about the practice of business entities and their regulation in the nation’s largest city. The externship allows third-year and qualified second-year students to spend their fall or spring semester in New York and work under the direction of attorneys in a variety of non-profit, government, and in-house counsel offices that have an emphasis on business associations and regulation. Examples of potential student placements include the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), New York Attorney General’s Office, and the in-house counsel’s office of business organizations. These externships expose students to nonprofit and business associations, as well as regulatory environments, and students gain a level of experiential training and learning that will allow a more rapid transition to practice in their post-graduate careers. Through their externships, students gain practical and technical experience from client representation and work with regulators in the various placements.

Program Offerings

- First-hand learning about the practice of business associations and their regulation under mentorship of practicing attorneys;
- Improved lawyering skills such as research, writing, legal analysis, interviewing, communication, negotiation, and advocacy;
- Integration of prior learning in law school with the practice of law;
- Exposure to legal and business ethics in context;
- Development of an understanding of workplace issues such as time management, workplace culture, professionalism, teamwork, & receiving feedback;
- Experiential training designed to assist with career placement; and
- Promotion of self-directed, lifelong learning.

Information for Non-U.S. Citizens

Non-U.S. citizens should note that most federal government offices will only consider externs who are U.S. citizens.

Requirements

- Admission to the externship is by application only. The application process includes submission of a pre-registration form, resume, statement of interest, transcript, and writing sample.
- Student and instructor collaborate during the semester preceding the student’s placement in applying for a position in a legal office, which is not guaranteed.

Pre/Co-requisites

- Pre-requisite: Complete all first year courses and Corporations.
- Students are also encouraged to take, as preparation, courses in the subject area of their placement.

The Bottom Line

- Students work full-time over 15 weeks at their placement site and receive 12 academic credits. The externship fieldwork is graded on a credit/no credit basis.
- Credits from this course count toward the 19 maximum credits a J.D. student can take in non-law classes and law classes without a classroom component or clinics/externships without direct supervision of the clinical work by a law school faculty member.

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