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Judicial Externship Clinic

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LOCATION

FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW
201 BEGGS AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32801
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Judicial Externship allows each student to observe, evaluate and participate in the practice of various areas of the law outside the classroom. The educational benefits derived from this experience include improving legal analytical, research and writing skills; learning how judicial decisions are made; and becoming familiar with various court procedures. Students gain a unique view of the court system by assisting a state or federal judge. Students observe and perform a range of lawyering tasks within the judicial system, including: research; writing; attending settlement conferences; observing trials; reviewing jury instructions; preparing bench briefs; and other assignments unique to judicial placements.

FAMU COLLEGE OF LAW MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a law program with high academic standards that produces excellent legal professionals, who demonstrate professionalism, provide public service, enhance justice and promote scholarship; to provide a program that offers both full-time and part-time learning opportunities to students; and, consistent with the enabling legislation, to increase representation of minorities within the legal profession.

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JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP CLINIC

WHAT IS THE JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP?

The Judicial Externship Clinic uniquely positions students to experience the following: all stages of trial; as well as pre-trial motions and hearings; post-conviction motions; and appeals. In addition, students will observe and evaluate pre-trial and trial advocacy in action. Assignments from the supervising judge include research and memo-writing projects. The student is supervised and evaluated by the participating judge, as well as by a FAMU faculty advisor. During the externship, the student is required to meet with the faculty advisor on a regular basis to monitor the process. Judicial Externship credits count toward the clinic graduation requirement.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP CLINIC:

Students must have successfully completed Professional Responsibility in order to participate in the Judicial Externship Clinic. In addition, students must also successfully complete an Externship Seminar.



JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must maintain and submit time/task logs which indicate the nature of the student's work and the amount of time spent on each task. The logs must be submitted to the faculty advisor on Monday of each week during the externship.
- Students must attend each scheduled class, court and administrative appearances, and professional appointments on time. You must be professionally dressed for all court, administrative and professional appointments.
- Students must follow the rules of professional conduct.
- Students must devote at least 18 hours a week to the field placement component of the externship.
- Each student must discuss his or her work and observations with the faculty advisor at least once a month. These discussions may include a submission of time logs and written work. Each meeting should take approximately one hour.
- The supervising judge is asked to review (by telephone or in person) the student's participation in the placement at least once a month with the faculty advisor. Such reviews should not require more than 15 to 20 minutes on each occasion.
- Each judge is asked to indicate not only whether a student should receive credit for the placement, but also to critique the student's performance in writing.
- Each student must submit representative samples of his or her written work to the faculty advisor. Such written work should be submitted only after the issue has been decided and the decision included in the public record of the court. Each student should confirm with the judge that a particular item of written work may be submitted before doing so.
- At the end of the placement, all students are asked to complete evaluation forms regarding their placement.