

LAWS 791 - Judicial Externship (Fall/Spring)
Credits: 2

Students will work approximately 78-104 hours (6-8 hours per week) with either a state or federal judge. They will be exposed to the work of the federal or state judiciary by working with the judge and the law clerk. Typically, the student will have the opportunity to observe court proceedings and conferences in chambers with the guidance of the supervising judge. The student may also assist the judge and the law clerk in research and drafting documents such as bench memoranda, jury instructions, and opinions. In addition to their work at the court, students will meet periodically with a faculty member to reflect upon their fieldwork experiences.

Note: Students must submit a contemporaneously maintained daily journal of their experience, along with either an example of a written product prepared during the externship or a short paper reflecting on a professional aspect of the experience. The fieldwork supervisor will also complete an evaluation of the student's performance.

Basis of Grade: Evaluation submitted by the fieldwork supervisor, the quality of the student's written submissions, participation in the class sessions, and a determination by the faculty member that all requirements of the externship have been satisfactorily completed

Form of Grade: Letter