

CAMPBELL LAW SCHOOL

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM



ELIGIBLE PLACEMENTS

The following types of organizations are eligible to host externs:

- Judiciary (administrative, trial, and appellate)
- Government entities (local, state, and federal)
- Public Interest/Non-Profit organizations
- In-House Counsel for corporations/institutions
- Private law firms provided that work will be exclusively on *pro bono* matters

SUBSTANTIAL LAWYERING EXPERIENCE

ABA and Program standards require that students receive a "substantial lawyering experience" in their externship. This means students who extern will be doing substantive legal work similar to an entry-level attorney or judicial law clerk.

ACADEMIC VALUE

Student-externs have an instructional component to supplement their field work. As the professor of externship courses, the Director of Externships leads students in class sessions related to the practice of law, goal setting, reflection, and self-evaluation. The Director of Externships also ensures the quality of the educational experience.

QUESTIONS?

See the Externship Folder on the LawCareers page in Blackboard

WHAT IS AN EXTERNSHIP?

An externship (or "field placement") is a form of experiential education where students receive credit for performing legal work under the supervision of a judge or practicing attorney. In tandem with their field work, students complete academic assignments under the faculty supervision of the Director of Externships.

IS IT DIFFERENT THAN A JOB?

When you work or intern at an organization, the primary purpose of the experience is generally to deliver a service on behalf of the organization. While you certainly may learn in this process, the learning is likely incidental. The primary purpose of an externship, though, is educational, with your learning and development at the center.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?



Increase legal knowledge in a practice area and develop key lawyering skills in a real-world setting outside of the classroom



Deepen your understanding of what it truly means to be an attorney and explore your own professional identity



Forge meaningful professional connections and relationships