

## Earning Academic Credit for a Legal Externship

A legal externship is a monitored work experience where the student establishes intentional learning goals and reflects actively on what is learned throughout their experience. With more than 450 placements a year, the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law's Legal Externship Program is an effective and comprehensive bridge to take students from law student to lawyer.

The Legal Externship Program is divided into practice-specific programs. Students enrolled in each of these programs are required to also enroll in an accompanying, for-credit seminar that will address topics specific to each practice area.

### Educational Objectives

- Develop the art of lawyering, including such skills as research, writing, legal analysis, client interviewing, communication, negotiation, and advocacy.
- Provide opportunities that integrate substantive learning with the practice of law.
- Promote the ethical practice of law by sensitizing students to issues of professional responsibility.
- Assist students to develop confidence in practical lawyering situations.
- Increase students' understanding of their own individual strengths and weaknesses as lawyers.
- Explore and understand workplace issues such as time management, workplace culture, teamwork, giving and receiving feedback, and achieving balance in one's life.
- Promote self-directed and lifelong learning.

To receive academic credit for a Summer 2012 externship, please complete ALL of the following before May 3, 2012.

**If you are taking an externship for the first time during the Summer 2012 semester, you are required to attend Mandatory Orientation on May 18, 2012. If you do not attend orientation, you will not be able to participate in the Legal Externship Program during the Summer 2012 semester.**

<b>Secure an externship with a supervising attorney/Judge who has practiced law for a minimum of five years.</b>	[ ]
<b>Submit a signed Supervising Attorney Acceptance Form:</b> <a href="http://www.law.du.edu/images/uploads/legal-externship-program/mentor-acceptance-form.pdf">http://www.law.du.edu/images/uploads/legal-externship-program/mentor-acceptance-form.pdf</a>	[ ]
<b>Submit a Supervising Attorney Application:</b> this is ONLY required if your supervisor is NOT currently approved. <a href="http://www.law.du.edu/forms/legal-externship-program/forms/mentor-application.cfm">http://www.law.du.edu/forms/legal-externship-program/forms/mentor-application.cfm</a> .	[ ]
<b>Complete the Externship Registration Form:</b> a link to this form will be sent to you once the Legal Externship Program has received the required forms (see above) from your supervisor.	[ ]
<b>Add yourself to the waitlist for BOTH your externship field work (CRN 1050) and the appropriate seminar:</b> The Legal Externship Program will provide information about which seminar you should enroll at the same time you receive the link to the registration form. Seminars are a required component of all externships. If you take multiple externships and your externship type changes, you must take the seminar that corresponds with your new externship type.  Externship Seminars will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Practice of Criminal Defense (CRN 1019)</li> <li>➤ The Practice of Criminal Prosecution (CRN 1020)</li> <li>➤ The Practice of Environmental/Natural Resources Law (CRN 1021)</li> <li>➤ The Practice of Corporate Law In House Counsel (CRN 1014)</li> <li>➤ The Practice of Law in a Private Firm (CRN 1028, 1029 or 1030)</li> <li>➤ The Practice of Law in a Government Sector (CRN 1022)</li> </ul>	[ ]

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The Practice of Law in the Nonprofit Sector (CRN 1026 or 1027)</li><li>➤ Judicial Placements (CRN 1023, 1024 or 1025)</li></ul> |  |
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