Criminal Prosecution Externship

In the Criminal Prosecution Externship Program students work in agencies and are exposed to the issues and work of a criminal prosecutor. Students who have completed 60 credit hours are eligible to apply for certification under the Student Practice Act and appear in court.

The accompanying one credit Criminal Prosecution seminar course will take a close look at issues specific to the practice of criminal prosecution. A society based on the rule of law requires individuals who will enforce those laws. This class will discuss how our sense of justice is formed and what it looks like in today’s courtroom, with a focus on the role of the prosecutor. The class will analyze the ethical conduct required of prosecutors in the pursuit of justice for the victim, the community, and the accused. The goal of the class is to take a global view of prosecutors: their mission, how they succeed, and where they fail - and what it means to our society.

In the past, students have worked at city, county, district, state, and US attorney’s offices across Colorado and in cities and states nationwide.

“This experience, and the tasks I have been allowed to take on have been the most beneficial and educational experience thus far in law school.”

“I have witnessed dockets, all aspects of trials, motions, hearings. I have met with the coroner...I went to a crime scene to see what district attorneys do there. They have worked me up the ladder starting from very basic memos to now drafting motions.”

“I was able to do far more [than I expected] including jury trials and victim meetings.”

“...trusted with projects that were of great importance to the attorneys and the office as a whole.”