HOLISTIC JUVENILE DEFENSE EXTERNSHIP
FALL 2016

The Colorado Juvenile Defender Center’s (CJDC) Holistic Juvenile Defense externship is a one semester externship that allows students to earn 2, 3, or 4 externship credits by working 100 hours, 150 hours, or 200 hours at CJDC. Students will also attend a seminar class one time per week for 1.5 hours. **To apply, see information below – applications are due March 22, 2016**

The course teaches law students a holistic juvenile defense model that includes a focus on the need to represent the youth in ongoing and concurrent procedures both inside and outside the delinquency system, and the need to consider and mitigate the “collateral consequences” of juvenile adjudications. The class will be taught by Elise Logemann with guest speakers from Padres Y Jovenes Unidos, as well as other prominent lawyers in the juvenile delinquency field, to address issues related to the zealous and robust defense of juveniles accused of crimes and the representation of juveniles after adjudication and in school proceedings. There is no midterm; in place of a midterm exam students will receive a midterm evaluation from the supervising attorney regarding their progress at the externship. There is no written final; instead students prepare a short 5-7 minute oral argument in favor of their client’s expungement, deregistration, acquittal, or return to school, depending on the posture of their case(es) at the end of the externship. Students who take the class but do not complete the externship will be provided with a fact pattern to prepare an oral argument for the final. The class includes light reading but the reading is for the education of the students as we learn about holistic juvenile defense and students will not be tested on the reading.

The externship focuses on providing direct services to clients in the areas of juvenile expungement (removing juvenile adjudications from clients’ records), juvenile deregistration (removing eligible clients from the sex offender registry), and suspension and expulsion proceedings (school disciplinary proceedings). Students may also work directly on juvenile delinquency cases that arise from an incident that occurred at school in both state juvenile delinquency proceedings and local municipal court proceedings. Students will also work on research and policy projects related to CJDC’s legislative work, to fulfil our mission of promoting excellence in juvenile defense and the fair treatment of all children in Colorado. For more information on CJDC’s policy work go to [www.cjdc.org](http://www.cjdc.org).

During the externship students may also work on projects for the nonprofit Padres Y Jovenes Unidos, a grassroots organization dedicated to ending the school to jail track in Colorado and ending racial disparities where students of color are more likely to be harshly punished in school than their white peers for the same offense. Research, policy, writing, and community outreach projects for Padres Y Jovenes Unidos will be supervised by attorneys at CJDC.

Students who are qualified under the student practice act may directly represent clients in municipal court cases, hearings on expungement and deregistration, and expulsion hearings and appeals. These cases offer a unique opportunity to complete representation, from the start of the case through the filling of motions and representation in court, during the course of one semester. Students
who will be eligible to practice under the student practice act are therefore encouraged to apply. An attorney will be present with the student at all hearings. Students of any year may and should apply, however, and all students will have an opportunity to work directly with clients in the CJDC office and to work directly on investigating and preparing juvenile cases. This will include intake interviews with potential clients, analysis of eligibility, client consultation, family consultation, mitigation collection, mitigation interviews, and the preparation of appropriate legal documents. All students will also have the opportunity to participate in legal research related to juvenile delinquency issues and school discipline issues; develop content for presentations to the community about these issues; participate in case intake; and develop policy initiatives. Because the legislative session occurs during the spring semester students will also have an opportunity to observe the making of legislation at the capital, where CJDC will be lobbying, meeting with legislators, and testifying at hearings. Students may also observe supervising attorneys at juvenile delinquency hearings and/or trials, hearings regarding transfer to adult court, appellate arguments, presentations to the community, pro bono clinics, and other related events.

Externs are generally in the CJDC office on Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm to complete their externship hours, with a weekly supervision meeting at 12:00 each Friday. Externs who are unable to be in the office from 9 am to 4 pm on Fridays may request a flexible schedule and complete some work from home or on alternate days of the week.

To apply:
- Email resume, cover letter, list of 2 references, and writing sample to Alexi Freeman at afreeman@law.du.edu by March 22, 2016.
- You will know whether you have been accepted by April 12, 2016.