



UNIVERSITY of
DENVER

STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
Legal Externship Program

Semester in Practice

Denver Law's Semester in Practice (SiP) program is a capstone experience offered only to students in their last year of law school. Students work full time at the placement in a fall or spring semester for approximately 14-16 weeks and take no other classes except the SiP seminar.

Each SiP is customized to the needs and desires of the student and placement. Faculty meet with prospective students to help them find the externship that will provide significant development for them on their way to becoming practicing lawyers. Students in the past have participated in the SiP at a huge range of placements, both private and public. Students gain significant exposure to substantive law and legal skills in their externship and focus on professional identity in their corresponding evening seminar.

Supervisors in this immersive specialty program are asked to:

- Help students establish, and then realize, learning goals
- Offer constructive feedback
- Limit administrative/clerical duties to no more than 10% of the extern's workload
- Integrate externs into their offices as much as possible and commit to engaging with them on a regular basis
- Complete two online evaluations, one at the halfway point and one at the end of the semester
- Meet in person one time with the faculty supervisor during the semester
- Attend a welcome or closing reception with all SiP students and supervisors (note: this commitment varies each semester)

All supervisors must be approved by the Denver Law Legal Externship Program. If you have previously supervised students, whether SiP externs or part-time externs, you are pre-approved. All SiP supervisors have a brief conversation with externship faculty prior to SiP approval.

Because SiP is a capstone experience with a substantial commitment from both the student and supervisor, our deadlines for registration are earlier than for other externships:

- Fall registration deadline – early May
- Spring registration deadline – early November

If you have any questions about SiP, please feel free to contact:

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