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Lorenzo Márquez Diversity Judicial Internship/Externship Program Spring 2021

DESCRIPTION

The Colorado Supreme Court and the Colorado Court of Appeals seek diverse students from CU and DU as judicial interns. This educational program is designed to increase access to the Colorado court system for diverse law students. The judges that participate are eager to work with and mentor the selected students. They recognize the importance and value of having students with various experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives extern at the courts.

*** An additional opportunity is available for DU students to intern with Justice Thomson of the New Mexico Supreme Court, a Denver Law graduate. This would be a virtual placement. ***

Interns will work approximately ten (10) hours per week during the 2021 spring semester (January-April), will coordinate their schedules with their supervising justice/judge and will receive time off during exam periods and law school breaks. These are unpaid positions, but students will receive academic credit through the Legal Externship Program.

ELIGIBILITY

For purposes of this program, “diverse” students are those who are historically underrepresented in the legal profession (generally based on race, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, socio-economic status, and national origin). Students must be a 2L, 3L, 3L-PT or 4LE from Denver Law or CU to participate.

COURSE CREDIT: FIELD WORK AND SEMINAR

Students will receive externship credit for a position under this program. Please contact the externships office in suite 365 and/or at externships@law.du.edu to understand how the program works, and to ensure they are aware of the deadlines and enrollment procedures. Students must have a minimum 2.3 G.P.A. to do an externship.

The fieldwork portion of the externship is pass/no pass only. We anticipate most students will register for 2 or 3 field credits given the work hours described above. Students must complete 50 hours of fieldwork for each credit over a minimum of 10 weeks.

First-time extern students must register for a 1 credit graded seminar course with a faculty member. Contact externships@law.du.edu to learn the class schedule.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

All application materials will be sent to Leann Steele at lsteel@law.du.edu in the Legal Externship Office by **October 30th**. The application materials required are Cover Letter, Resume, Responses to

Questions, and Writing Sample. Students will meet with Professor Christopher Newman in the Legal Externship Office between November 2nd and 5th to discuss the selection process. We hope to have the selection process completed by November 13th.

2020-2021 SCHEDULE

FALL 2020	
Monday, October 12, 2020 12pm-1pm, Zoom	Program Information Session Application Period Opens
October 30, 2020	Submit application materials to Leann Steele at lsteel@law.du.edu in the Legal Externship Office. Please include cover letter, resume, questions from court, and writing sample combined into a single PDF.
From November 2 - 5, 2020	Students meet with the Legal Externship Program
By November 10, 2020	All offers should be made.
By November 13, 2020	All acceptances should be made.
By November 23, 2020	Supervising attorney should complete the Supervising Attorney Acceptance Form and return to the student for uploading to CORE.

SPRING 2021	
January 7, 2021 9:30am-12pm	Mandatory orientation for all first-time externs.
January 2021-April 2021	Students work at the placement. Meeting of Seminar course, if first-time extern working for credit.