

Lorenzo Márquez Diversity Judicial Internship/Externship Program Spring 2023

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. Interns typically will work approximately ten (10-15) hours per week during the 2023 spring semester (January-April), but 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 defined by the courts as 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, 2L-PT, 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. Contact the externship office in suite 365 and/or at externships@law.du.edu to understand how the program works, and to ensure you 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. If the student is a first-time extern, they will enroll in the required relevant externship seminar.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

All application materials will be sent to externships@law.du.edu by **November 7 by 11:59pm**. The application materials required are one Cover Letter, Resume, and Writing Sample. Students will meet with externship faculty sometime between November 7 and November 11 to discuss the selection process. (this is not an interview – it is an informal decision to help with matching). We hope to have the selection process completed by December 2.

2022-2023 **SCHEDULE**

FALL 2022	
October 26, 2022 12pm-1pm, Zoom https://udenver.zoom.us/j/84461212121	Program Information Session Application Period Opens
November 7, 2022	Submit application materials to externships@law.du.edu . Please include cover letter, resume, and writing sample combined into a single PDF.
From November 7 – November 11	Students meet briefly with the Legal Externship Program to discuss their interests.
By December 2, 2022	All offers should be made.
By December 16, 2022	All first time externs must upload their signed Supervising Attorney Acceptance Form to CORE.
By January 3, 2023	All repeat externs must upload their signed Supervising Attorney Acceptance Form to CORE.

SPRING 2023	
January 6, 2023 9:00am-12pm	Mandatory orientation for all first-time externs.
January 2023-April 2023	Students work at the placement.