



UNIVERSITY of
DENVER

STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
LEGAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Cannabis Specialty Externship Program Spring 2023

DESCRIPTION

The **Cannabis Specialty Externship Program** is an opportunity for students to interact with organizations, law firms, government entities, and companies working in cannabis law and intersecting areas. This program is part of the Legal Externship Program at the Sturm College of Law and will take place in the spring 2023 semester.

ELIGIBILITY

All students who have completed at least 28 credit hours of law school are eligible to participate.

COURSE CREDIT: FIELD WORK AND SEMINAR

Students will receive externship credit for a position under this program. Please 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 Cannabis Externship Program is pass/no pass only and can be completed for 3 or more credits. If you would like to earn more than 4 credits, please contact Crystal Hendry at chendry@law.du.edu so she can schedule an appointment for you to meet with Professor Scarola. (Credits count toward the limit of 15 externship credits, which are part of the 25 available out-of-class credits). Students must complete 50 hours of field work for each credit over a minimum of 10 weeks, up to a maximum of 15 weeks.

Students must also register for a 2-credit graded Cannabis Seminar with Professor Scarola. The course will cover the insurance implications for cannabis lawyers, dive deep into hot topics in insurance law as it relates to cannabis including risk management and products liability claims, learn how to navigate the complex legal landscapes of marijuana, hemp, and CBD, and explore other related topics (tax, banking/finance, etc.) The course will be taught in conjunction with guest lecturers. **The course will satisfy the Upper Level Writing Requirement.** Contact externships@law.du.edu to learn the class schedule.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Application period opens on **October 3, 2022**, and participating placement list will be published. All application materials will be sent to Crystal Hendry at chendry@law.du.edu in the Legal Externship Office by **5:00 pm on October 24, 2022**, and she will forward a packet of all applications to the placements by October 25. Participating placements will then select the students they want to interview and make interview arrangements directly with the student. This will give placements the opportunity to personally interview students and allow the student to interview with several different attorneys at the prospective placement. The priority deadline for students to register for the Cannabis Externship Program is November 21, 2022. However, the final deadline is **December 16, 2022**.

2022-2023 SCHEDULE

FALL 2022	
Thursday September 29 12:15 pm-1pm, Room 170 or via Zoom	Program Information Session
Monday October 3	Application Period Opens, Participating Placement List Will Be Published
October 24 by 5:00 pm	Deadline to submit application materials to Crystal Hendry at chendry@law.du.edu in the Legal Externship Office. Please include cover letter and resume for each placement you are applying to. Both documents must be combined into one PDF document.
October 25	Application materials forwarded to placements.
From October 25-November 28	Interviews held at placement unless otherwise stated. Placements will contact students directly to arrange interviews. Placements may extend offers to students.
November 21, 2022	Priority deadline for externships.
By December 16, 2022	Students should accept offers by this date. Supervising attorney should complete the Supervising Attorney Acceptance Form and return the acceptance form to the student for uploading to Core. A link to the Externship Registration Form will be sent to the student once the acceptance is received.

SPRING 2023	
January 5, 2023 9:00am-12pm	Mandatory orientation for all first-time externs.
January 2023-April 2023	Students work at the placement and take cannabis seminar course.