

Honors Judicial Internship Registration Information

Application deadline: Friday October 28, 2011

This internship provides an opportunity to hone research and writing skills in the context of Part-Time internships with state or federal judges. It will also offer unique opportunities to observe and work on the judicial side of the profession, an experience which greatly enhances a lawyer's effectiveness in the practice of law.

Each student intern will work for the semester as a law intern for a judge or court in the Boston area. Two to four credits will be available, depending on the particular placement and the amount of time spent weekly working as a judicial intern. The expectation is that students will work between 10 and 20 hours a week. In addition, regular meetings between students and the faculty supervisor will be held.

The actual duties of each student will be determined primarily by the judge or court for whom the student interns, and will vary somewhat in light of the nature of the court, cases, and judges involved. The core requirements of the internship will be legal research and writing of some type and the maintenance of a journal detailing the clerking experience. The writing requirement may include preparation of memoranda for the court, writing proposed judicial opinions, or writing a paper for the faculty supervisor on a particular issue arising during the clerking experience. Generally, student interns will have an opportunity to observe court proceedings, such as motion sessions, trials, or appellate arguments, and interact with the judges for whom they are interning.

Eligibility

Selection for the internship is highly competitive.

To be eligible to enroll in the internship, a student, whether in the evening or day division, must have:

- 1. Completed all courses required in the first year day curriculum, Evidence, and Legal Writing II.**
- 2. Should have a grade point average that places the student in the upper 25% of the class or have a very strong background and experience.**

Actual final selection for the internship will be contingent upon acceptance of a student intern by the court for whom the intern is to work, which may not occur until mid-December.

How to Apply

To be considered for the internship, you must submit the following materials to Professor Sorenson by Friday, October 28, 2011:

1. **Honors Judicial Internship Request Form** (http://www.nesl.edu/students/registrar_forms.cfm)
2. **Academic transcript**
3. **Résumé**
4. **Two (2) references (names of faculty member references are sufficient; other references should submit letters)**
5. **Short writing sample (about 10 pages)**

Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be contacted to confirm interest before materials are submitted to judges.

Enrollment & Registration

Enrollment in the internship for the semester generally will be limited to no more than twelve (12) students (depending on the availability of placements).

Students interested in this internship should not register for the internship AT registration time, but should complete their spring registration as if they were not taking the internship. When students are accepted for the internship, registration can be adjusted through the Registrar's Office.

Grading

Final internship grades will be based on evaluation of student interns by the judges and courts with whom the interns have worked, and the faculty supervisor.