

**Externship and Apprenticeship New Field Placement Sites**

Regent University School of Law offers students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience through its program of externships and apprenticeships. Please review the following information about our program and submit a proposal to be considered as a new field placement site for externs or apprentices from Regent University School of Law.

1. **Externship and Apprenticeship Educational Objectives**

Externships and apprenticeships allow students to learn from their legal experience outside of the classroom. Externs work alongside attorneys or judicial officers who work on real cases and issues, with the opportunity to observe lawyering in action.

1. Externships and apprenticeships expose students to, and acquaint them with, the reality of law practice. Students who learn the law only in a classroom setting have limited exposure to the actual practice of law. Another vital element of learning the law is exposure to what real lawyers do on a day-to-day basis in the office, in the courtroom, and elsewhere. Learning criminal law and criminal procedure within the protected classroom environment, for example, does not yield the same benefit as a student’s conducting client interviews or observing how a prosecutor manages her caseload, how defense counsel prepares for court, and how an attorney tries his cases. Apprenticeships and externships provide student externs with this useful practice perspective.
2. Externships and apprenticeships provide opportunities for students to engage in proper legal research and writing in the context of real-life legal problems. All law students can benefit from additional practice in proper legal research and writing. Externships and apprenticeships provide that opportunity in a setting where the student can receive close supervision and constructive feedback in a timely fashion. Actual legal research and writing is based on real people's problems, with real deadlines, and in contexts where the results make a significant difference in the lives of clients, attorneys, and apprentices. Thus, students have ample opportunity not only to hone their legal research and writing skills but also to improve their time management skills.
3. Through the Externship and Apprenticeship program, students pursue in-depth substantive learning in specific areas of the law. By necessity, professors must treat some subjects in the law school curriculum briefly. An externship or apprenticeship gives students an opportunity to engage in deeper study of a particular legal field or topic. For example, a student interested in criminal law can gain a significant amount of substantive knowledge on that subject by working with a prosecutor or public defender.
4. **New Site Information**

Please provide the following information to assist us in assessing in approving the new legal site.

1. Name and location of site. Include the website, if applicable.

1. The specific educational objectives of the externship or apprenticeship program, consistent with the objectives set forth above. The educational objectives shall be stated in sufficient detail to provide direction in the activities of the program.

1. A statement describing the time and effort expected from the student in pursuing the educational objectives during the program. A statement of the educational benefit expected to be acquired by the student.

1. A statement of specific tasks expected to be involved in pursuit of the program, which should be substantially legal in nature.

1. A description of work products expected to be produced by the student.

1. The designation of a practicing attorney or current judicial officer who will supervise the activities of the student during the program, who shall be hereinafter referred to as the "on-site/field supervisor." Name, email address, and phone number for field supervisor.

1. A statement that the content of the externship comports with all other requirements set forth in Regent Law’s three-way agreement.

1. A statement about whether any monetary compensation will be paid to the student for any work in the program for which he or she receives academic credit.

1. **Externship and Apprenticeship Three-Way Agreement**

Please review Regent Law’s three-way externship and apprenticeship agreement. After the site and the student’s externship or apprenticeship application has been approved, the student, faculty supervisor, and on-site supervisor must sign the three-way agreement and submit it to the faculty supervisor.

1. **Submission**

Submit this proposal by emailing Professor Sandra Alcaide at sandalc@regent.edu. If you have any questions or concerns, email Professor Sandra Alcaide at sandalc@regent.edu or call 757-352-4964.