

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR THE JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Background

The Moritz College of Law offers students two externship programs – the Judicial Externship Program and the Public Interest/Government Externship Program – through which students can obtain practical legal experience and further the public good by working in a judge’s chambers or at a governmental entity or non-profit organization. Participation in both programs is limited. The number of students who may participate in the Judicial Externship Program is limited by the number of judges who participate, while the number of students who may participate in the Public Interest Externship Program is limited to 40 students per semester.

Students may earn 3 credits for judicial and public interest externships during the **fall** and **spring** semesters and 2 (half-summer) or 4 (full summer) credits during the **summer** semester. Students in **judicial** externships must work 8 hours per week in chambers during the semester for which they are earning credit. Students in **public interest/government externships** must work approximately 10 hours per week at the placement over the course of the semester. Credit will be awarded on a satisfactory-unsatisfactory (ungraded) basis, and a maximum of eight hours of externship credit may be applied towards graduation. In addition to the requirement to work at the placement, students must complete a number of academic requirements, such as attending a monthly class, keeping journals, and writing a paper reflecting on their externship experience.

Late and/or incomplete applications will be considered only after all timely and complete applications have been considered. If you are accepted to the program, you will be contacted by Beth Watkins, Assistant Director for Career Services.

Please enclose a resume and writing sample of approximately five pages with this application.

As a general rule, Career Services staff place students in externships based upon a number of factors, including the students’ interests. Students may find their own government or public interest placements, and those who do are responsible for ensuring that the placement completes the required application, which can be found on-line at <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/externships/>.

Please email completed applications and writing samples to Beth Watkins at watkins.682@osu.edu. The deadline for Spring 2018 applications is October 6, 2017.

Externship Application

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Expected month (May or December) and year of graduation: _____

1. To which program are you applying? _____ Judicial _____ Public Interest/government
2. For which semester are you applying? _____
3. Briefly explain why you would like to participate in externship program and how it will further your career goals.

4. If you have previously completed an externship for credit at the Moritz College of Law, please state whether the externship was a judicial externship or a public interest/government externship **AND** provide the name of the judge and court and/or organization with which you served as an extern.

These questions are for applicants to the Judicial Externship Program only:

5. Do you have a preference for a particular court or judge? If not, please state "no preference."
6. If you have indicated a preference for the Bankruptcy Court, please state whether you have taken, or will take, a course in Debtor/Creditor Law or any other Bankruptcy-related class.
7. Would you prefer not to work in a particular court? If so, please state which court(s).
8. Please note potential conflicts of interest arising from past interaction with a particular judge or judges.

The remaining questions are for applicants to the Public Interest/Government Externship Program only:

- 9a Are you seeking externship credit for an unpaid position of employment that you have already secured?

- 9b. If so, please provide the name of the organization, the name of your contact at the organization, and his or her phone number and email address.
- 9c. Please also provide a brief description of the work you will perform in that position.
- 9d. Is your offer contingent upon receiving academic credit / acceptance into the externship program?
10. If you have not secured your own externship placement, please indicate areas of interest. You may wish to consult the list of potential placements on the Moritz website.