

**UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF LAW EXTERNSHIP COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS OF ANTICIPATED SPRING 2021 EXTERNSHIP FIELD PLACEMENTS**

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – U.S. COURTS

- ☐ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)
- ☐ U.S. District Court for the Western District of TN (2 or 3 Cdts/8 or 12 weekly hours)
- ☐ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of TN (2 or 3 Cdts/8 or 12 wkly hrs)

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – TENNESSEE STATE COURTS (2 or 3 Cdts/8 or 12 weekly hrs)

- ☐ Tennessee Supreme Court
- ☐ Shelby County Circuit Court

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXTERNSHIPS

- ☐ U.S. Attorney's Office* (3 Credits/12 weekly hours) (Must be rising 3L to apply)
- ☐ Federal Public Defender's Office (2 or 3 Credits/8 or 12 weekly hours)
- ☐ Shelby County District Attorney General's Office* (2 or 3 Cdts/8 or 12 wkly hours)
- ☐ Shelby County Public Defender's Office (2 or 3 Credits/8 or 12 weekly hours)

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIPS

- ☐ Memphis City Attorney's Office (Litigation Unit) (2 or 3 Credits/8 or 12 wkly hours)
- ☐ Memphis City Attorney's Office (Transactional Unit) (2 or 3 Crdt/8 or 12 wkly hrs)
- ☐ Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority (General Counsel) (2 or 3 Cdts/8 or 12 hrs)

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY EXTERNSHIPS

- ☐ Equal Employment Opp'y Commission (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)
 - ☐ Hearings Unit
 - ☐ Legal Unit
- ☐ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Memphis District Counsel* (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)

HEALTH PRACTICE EXTERNSHIPS

- ☐ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital* (3 or 4 Credits/8 or 12 weekly hours)
- ☐ Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation* (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)
 - ☐ General Legal
 - ☐ Labor & Employment
- ☐ Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare* (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)
- ☐ Regional One Health (The Med)* (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)

COMMUNITY LEGAL OFFICE EXTERNSHIPS (2 or 3 Credits/8 or 12 weekly hours)

- ☐ Advocates for Immigrant Rights
- ☐ Bass, Berry, & Sims Pro Bono Program
- ☐ Community Legal Center – Immigrant Justice Program
- ☐ Just City
- ☐ Legal Aid of Arkansas – West Memphis Office
- ☐ Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS)
 - ☐ Consumer Unit
 - ☐ Education Law/Partnership for Educational Advocacy and Parity
 - ☐ Expungement/Restoration of Rights
 - ☐ Fair Housing Center
 - ☐ Family Law Unit
 - ☐ Low Income Taxpayer Unit
 - ☐ Veterans Assistance

- ___ **Mid-South Immigration Advocates**
 - ___ **Asylum/Deportation Defense**
 - ___ **Survivors' Project (Orders of Protection, Family Law)**
- ___ **Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence**
 - ___ **Immigration Legal Clinic (ILC)**
 - ___ **Sexual Assault Legal Clinic (SALC)**
- ___ **Tennessee Innocence Project**

IN-HOUSE EXTERNSHIPS

- ___ **Ducks Unlimited – Office of Land Protection (2 or 3 Credits/8 or 12 weekly hours)**
- ___ **FedEx Corporation Transactions, Benefits & Employee Relations* (3 Credits/12 hours)**
- ___ **FedEx Express Employment and Commercial Litigation* (3 Credits/12 hours)**
- ___ **FedEx Logistics, Inc. – Legal Department* (3 Credits/12 hours)**
- ___ **University of Memphis Office of University Counsel (3 Credits/12 hours)**

FALL 2020 EXTERNSHIP COURSE – FIELD PLACEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – U.S. COURTS

United States Court Appeals for the Sixth Circuit – The Honorable Bernice B. Donald

Students are placed as externs in the chambers of U.S. Circuit Judge Bernice Donald on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Judicial externs have a unique opportunity to learn about the process of judicial decision-making while working with the Judge, the Judge's law clerk(s), and court staff, and through observation in the courtroom. Responsibilities will include assisting law clerks in drafting Rule 34 and en banc recommendations. Externs gain broad exposure to essential appellate advocacy skills as well as appellate court practice and procedure.

General Eligibility Preference: GPA > 3.0

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee

Students are placed as externs in the United States Courts for the Western District of Tennessee. Each student is assigned to the chambers of a U.S. District Court Judge, a U.S. Magistrate Judge, or a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge. Judicial externs have a unique opportunity to learn about the process of judicial decision-making while working with Court staff and observing in the courtroom. Responsibilities vary from chambers to chambers, but have in common an emphasis on legal research and writing, including the preparation of bench memoranda, and assistance with pretrial, trial and post-trial motions and judicial opinions. Externs gain broad exposure to litigation strategies and advocacy skills, as well as trial court practice and procedure.

Preferred Course(s) (satisfied by prior or concurrent enrollment):

For Bankruptcy Court: Debtor-Creditor, Secured Transactions, or Problems in Bankruptcy

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – TENNESSEE STATE COURTS

Tennessee Appellate Courts

Students are placed as externs in a Tennessee Appellate Court. Each student is assigned to the chambers of a Tennessee Supreme Court Justice, a Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge, or a Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals Judge. Judicial externs have a unique opportunity to learn about the process of judicial decision-making while working with the Judge and court staff and through observation in the courtroom. Responsibilities vary from chambers to chambers, but have in common an emphasis on legal research and writing, including the preparation of bench memoranda and judicial opinions. Externs gain broad exposure to various appellate advocacy skills as well as appellate court practice and procedure.

Tennessee Trial Courts

Students are placed as externs in a trial-level court in Shelby County. Each student is assigned to the chambers of a Shelby County Circuit Court Judge or a Shelby County Chancery Court Chancellor. Judicial externs have a unique opportunity to learn about the process of judicial decision-making while

working with the Judge and court staff and through observation in the courtroom. Responsibilities vary from chambers to chambers, but have in common an emphasis on legal research and writing, including the preparation of bench memoranda, and assistance with pretrial, trial and post-trial motions and judicial opinions. Externs gain broad exposure to a various litigation strategies and advocacy skills, as well as trial court practice and procedure.

IMPORTANT: Externs must be available on Friday mornings for Circuit Court Motions Dockets.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXTERNSHIPS

United States Attorney's Office (Rising 3L Students Only)

In this externship, students are placed in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee. The United States Attorney's Office serves as the principal litigator for its judicial district and is responsible for coordinating multiple agency investigations within the district. The United States Attorney's Office prosecutes violations of federal criminal statutes, defends the government in civil actions, seeks enforcement of a variety of civil enforcement statutes, and institutes proceedings for the collection of fines and penalties. Typical assignments for externs will involve assisting with all aspects of case preparation, including researching legal issues, drafting/writing motions, briefs, responses and various pleadings, providing trial support to Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and assembling exhibits for trial. Students also observe trials in the District Court and appellate arguments at the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Preferred Course(s) (satisfied by prior or concurrent enrollment): Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure.

General Prerequisite: Applicants must have completed their second year of law school (i.e., must be 3L students) by the start of the externship.

Background Check: Students must be able to pass a rigorous background check that will grant them a security clearance to work in this office. The background check will require that students answer questions under oath regarding any illegal drug use (past or present), alcohol abuse, criminal history (including DUI, assault, etc.), credit history, past employment history and mental health.

Shelby County District Attorney General's Office

In this externship, students are placed in the Office of the Shelby County District Attorney General. Each extern is assigned to one of the many specialized units of the DA's Office and works under the supervision of a prosecutor within the assigned unit. Responsibilities assigned to externs may include such tasks as researching and preparing pre-trial memoranda, responding to criminal defense motions, and contacting victims and witnesses regarding interviews, trial dates and various other matters. Externs may also prepare trial exhibits and observe felony jury trials. In most instances, externs handle limited court matters (e.g., preliminary hearings) under the supervision of a supervising prosecutor, provided the extern is certified under Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Credits Prerequisite: Must have completed at least 45 credits.

Course Prerequisites/Co-Requisites: Professional Responsibility, Evidence; Criminal Procedure.
Preferred Course(s) (satisfied by prior or concurrent enrollment): Trial Advocacy

Background Check: Students must be able to pass a rigorous background check that will grant them a security clearance to work in this office

IMPORTANT: Externs placed with the Shelby County DA's Office MAY NOT engage in concurrent legal employment or volunteer legal work during the field placements semester.

Shelby County Public Defender's Office

In this externship, students are placed in the Office of the Shelby County Public Defender. Each extern is assigned to one of the many specialized units of the Public Defender's Office and works under the supervision of an assistant public defender within the assigned unit. Responsibilities assigned to externs include such tasks as researching and preparing pre-trial memoranda, responding to prosecution motions, and contacting witnesses regarding interviews, trial dates and various other matters. Externs will also observe and participate in court matters under supervision. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Preferred Course Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites:
Professional Responsibility, Evidence; Criminal Procedure.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIPS

Memphis City Attorney's Office (Law Division)

The Memphis City Attorney's Office externship course will introduce students to the legal issues facing attorneys who represent the City of Memphis in civil litigation, transactional, and policy-related matters, and the role of lawyers in municipal government generally. It will also expose students to the intricacies of the City Attorney's role as counselor and advocate for Memphis, its governmental offices, and its employees. Students selected for this placement will be assigned to either the litigation unit or a transaction unit within the City Attorney's Office.

Depending on the division within the City Attorney's Office to which they are assigned, externs may be asked to prepare internal legal memoranda (for example, analyzing legal issues or policy implications for the City Attorney or client agency officials); draft motion papers; assist with discovery; review proposed rules or legislation; or review drafts of transactional agreements. Externs may also have the opportunity to attend and participate in meetings with government officials, client or witness interviews, legislative hearings, depositions, court appearances, negotiation sessions, or other events relating to their work under the supervision of a licensed attorney. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Anticipated Spring 2021 Placements:

General Litigation Unit
Transactional Unit

Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority – Office of General Counsel

This Externship will offer students the opportunity to earn academic credit for legal work performed under the immediate and ongoing supervision of the General Counsel to the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority. Students enrolled in this externship will be exposed to the wide variety of legal matters handled by the Airport Authority's General Counsel, examples of which include matters involving business contracting (including contract drafting, negotiation, and interpretation); administrative and regulatory law (e.g., aviation law); risk management (e.g., premises liability issues); labor and employment law (e.g., worker's compensation issues); formulation and implementation of rules and policies (e.g., adoption of a local preference rule for purchasing); and preventative/prophylactic training, advice, and counseling.

Among other assignments, it is anticipated that the extern will perform legal research; draft, review, and opine on contractual agreements; and draft memoranda, letters, and other documents. Externs will also learn through observation of and participation in day-to-day practice activities, including legal proceedings, negotiations, meetings, trainings, and counseling sessions. When possible, externs will work with client departments and departmental staff to gather information and to gain insight into and understanding of the Airport Authority's operations and structure.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY EXTERNSHIPS

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Hearings Unit or Legal Unit

Students in this placement will serve as externs in the Memphis Field Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Students will be assigned to either the Hearings Unit or the Legal Unit of the EEOC Office. The Hearings Unit employs four administrative judges who conduct hearings and render decisions with respect to EEO complaints that are brought by Federal workers. The role of the extern in the Hearings Unit will be similar to that of a judicial law clerk. The extern will conduct legal research on specific topics at the direction of the administrative judge, write decisions in conjunction with the administrative, and prepare for and attend hearings, settlement conferences, and other case-related events. Externs in the Legal Unit will work under the supervision of trial attorneys engaged in litigation against employers for violations of Title VII, the ADEA and the ADA. Externs will perform legal research and writing, assist in interviewing claimants or witnesses, help prepare discovery responses based on those interviews, and help prepare claimants or witnesses for deposition. In addition to the legal assignments, externs will be given the opportunity to observe different aspects of agency functions, including intake interviews, depositions, mediation sessions, administrative hearings, court hearings, and trials.

Preferred Course(s): Evidence, Fair Employment Practice or Federal Courts.

Preference: Student(s) should have a sincere interest in employment law or litigation.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Memphis District Office of Counsel

The Memphis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides flood risk management, navigation, environmental stewardship, other authorized civil works, military programs support, and emergency operations within its area of responsibility. The Memphis District is one of USACE's 45 districts and part of the Mississippi Valley Division. The Division is headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi and covers a 25,000 square mile area of the Mississippi River. It serves clients in portions of Tennessee, Mississippi,

Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, including 100 flood control districts, water resource and wildlife agencies from six states, four Port Commissions, the Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, and Congressional Districts and 12 Senators. The Division is also responsible for maintaining and improving 355 miles of the Mississippi River main channel from Cairo, Illinois, to the mouth of the White River. It also maintains more than 640 miles of mainline levees along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, eight inland harbors and 254 miles of navigation channel on the White River in Arkansas.

The USACE Memphis District Office of Counsel is located in the Clifford Davis Federal Building in downtown Memphis. The Office of Counsel provides legal support across the full spectrum of USACE legal operations, including:

- Advice on all areas of administrative law, including investigations, fiscal law, project authorities, ethics, and FOIA;
- Various realty functions, such as real property acquisition, management and disposal, and appraisal processes;
- Federal procurement law, including complex and controversial contract formation and administration issues;
- Environmental review, including activities related to civil works projects and the regulatory program; and, tort and admiralty law;
- Litigation support to the Department of Justice by preparing litigation reports, exhibits, legal analysis, draft pleadings, and throughout all phases of discovery; and
- Labor and employment law advice and reviews proposed disciplinary and adverse actions against civilian employees.

Preferred Course(s): Professional Responsibility, Evidence

HEALTH PRACTICE EXTERNSHIPS

The Health Law Externships will offer students interested in health law and in-house legal practice the opportunity to earn academic credit for legal work performed under the immediate and ongoing supervision of attorneys in the legal departments of local healthcare organizations on health-related research projects. Students enrolled in these externships will be exposed to the wide variety of legal matters handled by these offices, examples of which may include matters involving administrative and regulatory law, hospital risk management, clinical research compliance, labor and employment law; business contracting; formulation and implementation of hospital and corporate policy; healthcare legislation, policy, and reform; and preventative/prophylactic training and counseling.

Among other assignments, it is anticipated that externs will perform legal research; draft memoranda, letters, and other documents; draft and review contractual agreements; and prepare presentations to hospital personnel. Externs will also learn through observation of and participation in day-to-day practice activities, including legal proceedings, negotiations, meetings, trainings, and counseling sessions. When possible, externs will work with client departments and departmental staff to gather information and to gain insight into and understanding of clinical, business, and health care operations.

Anticipated Fall 2020 Placements:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital***

Baptist Memorial Health Care**

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare

Regional Medical Center at Memphis

***NOTE: In addition to field placement in a general practice externship, Baptist Memorial Health Care will also offer a separate Labor & Employment externship placement. Interested students should speak with Professor Schaffzin if wishing to apply for this externship.*

****NOTE: RISING 3L STUDENTS (OTHERS NOT ELIGIBLE) WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR THE EXTERNSHIP WITH ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL MUST REVIEW THE HANDOUT DESCRIPTION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS DOCUMENT DESCRIBING THE ST. JUDE OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES INTERNSHIP. PLEASE CONTACT PROFESSOR SCHAFFZIN IMMEDIATELY IF YOU PLAN TO APPLY FOR PLACEMENT WITH ST. JUDE.*

COMMUNITY LAW OFFICE EXTERNSHIPS

Advocates for Immigrant Rights

Advocates for Immigrant Rights (AIR) is a non-profit law firm focused on providing direct legal representation for immigrants. Our mission is to fight for the dignity, safety, and inclusion of immigrants in the United States, especially those most marginalized, through legal representation and advocacy. We fight for the rights of immigrants but also for the expansion of those rights to ensure that all people are equally protected by the laws of the United States. AIR seeks to create structural and systemic change by coordinating with other legal service providers and community-based organizations to complement our skills and build our mutual capacity. Our service model inherently provides for relationships that will propel our work and the work of our partners.

AIR is primarily focused on removal defense in the South, making special considerations for people who are LGBTQ or other extremely vulnerable classes, but we also support other types of immigration cases. We offer pro bono and low bono services in an effort to provide accessible legal representation to a community that is often not well established or even authorized to work lawfully in this country. We believe in not only provided excellent legal representation, but also being intentional about our work with clients and with the greater legal community. AIR also provides support to other non-profits across the region and is a part of MEMigration, a larger coalition for non-profit immigrant-oriented organizations, as well as a smaller initiative, Welcome South, working to build a network of providers representing clients in removal proceedings across the Mid-South.

An externship with AIR will provide the student with practical experience in the immigration field and a more expansive understanding of how immigration laws function in relation to the criminal and civil jurisprudence of this country. The extern will have the opportunity to engage in research projects, assist in the preparation of asylum applications and other removal defense applications. The extern will attend immigration court with our attorneys and depending on the student's year in law school, could have the opportunity to work in Shelby County Probate Court as a student attorney to represent clients in guardianship hearings as the predicate order for certain children to be eligible for lawful permanent residency. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Bass Berry Pro Bono Program

This placement will operate in conjunction with the Bass, Berry & Sims Pro Bono Internship Program. The Program's mission is to partner with law schools to help foster the next generation's commitment to pro bono.

Bass, Berry & Sims engages in pro bono work focused on three primary areas: strengthening families, empowering communities, and protecting civil rights. Memphis Law externs placed through the firm's Pro Bono Internship Program will be assigned to one or more pro bono matters, working in close collaboration with the team of firm lawyers and staff supporting each project. Through their pro bono project work, it is expected that externs will have the opportunity to enhance their legal knowledge and hone their lawyering skills, including research, analysis, persuasive writing, fact investigation, and client interviewing.

Examples of the projects on which students from other law schools have provided support through the Program include:

- Work on an asylum case that allowed the student to acquire extensive understanding of immigration law and procedure, draft motions, and research specific legal issues.
- Work on one of several Tennessee Innocence Project cases being handled by the firm, including analysis of transcripts of prior hearings, research on substantive legal issues, discussion of strategy, and drafting motions and memoranda in support of motions.
- Work to support foundational research on the policies and practices of the Tennessee Parole Board, requiring collection and assessment of data, identifying statutory bases for policies, surveying state and federal laws, and researching the rights of incarcerated individuals.
- Work on a challenge to the constitutionality of the payment of expert witness fees for post-conviction petitions in capital cases, which engaged the student in research, discussions about strategy, and preparation for meetings with the Administrative Office of the Courts to address the process.

Community Legal Center – Immigrant Justice Program

The Community Legal Center's Immigrant Justice Program offers a variety of legal services to low-income immigrants living within the jurisdiction of the Memphis Immigration Court (Tennessee, Arkansas, northern Mississippi, and western Kentucky). Externs placed with the IJP will assist staff attorneys on a variety of family and humanitarian-based immigration cases, including applications for adjustment of status, asylum, U nonimmigrant visas for victims of certain crimes, and Special Immigrant Juvenile status. Responsibilities will include conducting and participating in client interviews, legal research and writing, preparation of pleadings and applications for immigration relief, assistance with and attendance of hearings before the Memphis Immigration Court and interviews with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"). Externs will also have the opportunity to represent clients in guardianship proceedings before the Shelby County Probate Court, an initial step in the process of applying for Special Immigrant Juvenile status. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Just City

Just City was founded in 2015 to advance policies, programs, and solutions that strengthen the right to counsel and mitigate the damage caused to families and communities because of contact with the criminal justice system. Inspired by and aligned with the local public defender's office, Just City serves public defender clients and others who are or have been in contact with the criminal justice system, helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency and reduce the risk of future contact with the justice system. Just City advocates for a smaller, fairer, and more humane criminal justice system; and it pursues reforms that will eliminate the many wealth-based disparities in it.

A law school extern will help Just City provide direct representation, policy advocacy, and recruitment and training of pro bono attorneys to address the cycle of criminal court debt and other legal barriers caused by criminal justice system contact that trap many low-income Memphians in poverty. Just City has developed a robust program to help people navigate the expungement process. However, it lacks the capacity to address the burdensome court debt that renders so many ineligible for expungement, nor can it address their many related legal needs such as driver's license and voting rights restoration. An extern will help provide direct representation in court fee waiver petitions, rights restoration, driver's license advocacy, and other legal matters. The ultimate goal of the extern would be to help Just City address some of the many barriers that persist long after criminal justice system involvement. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Legal Aid of Arkansas – West Memphis Office

Legal Aid of Arkansas (LAA) is a public interest, not-for-profit law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice in civil matters for low-income Arkansans through legal representation, advocacy, community partnerships, education, and outreach. Substantive practice areas include consumer law, family law, housing, public benefits, expungement, wills, and other related poverty-law issues. Student externs placed with Legal Aid of Arkansas's West Memphis Office will be presented with opportunities to hone legal writing and researching skills and gain first-hand experience with clients in areas such as client intake, investigation, representation, community education, and outreach. Students who have completed their 2L year (60 credits) may be able to gain in-court experience by obtaining a limited practice license under Arkansas Rule Governing Bar Admission 15 (Student Practice).

Memphis Area Legal Services

The Memphis Area Legal Services Externship allows students to receive academic credit for one semester of work at Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS), a nonprofit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to eligible elderly and low-income people in Western Tennessee. MALS helps clients who are faced with legal problems that harm their ability to have such basics as food, shelter, income, medical care, and personal safety. The externship is available to second- or third-year students. Students work under the close supervision of MALS staff attorneys to perform client interviews, undertake factual and legal research; collect and review records; develop witness testimony and evidence; draft pleadings and other written submissions; and participate in the representation of clients at hearings and other court proceedings. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Anticipated Spring 2021 MALS Placements:

Consumer Unit
Education Law/PEAP
Expungement/Restoration of Rights Family Law
Fair Housing Center
Family Law
Low Income Taxpayer Unit Veterans' Assistance
Pro Bono Unit
Veterans Assistance

Mid-South Immigration Associates

MIA is a non-profit public interest law office whose primary mission is the provision of affordable immigration services to economically disadvantaged non-citizens within the geographic jurisdiction of the Memphis Immigration Court. Within the Memphis metro region, MIA also seeks to facilitate the administration of justice and to increase public awareness on issues related to US immigration and naturalization law. In particular, MIA assists individuals to obtain immigration status based upon family relationships, domestic violence and persecution, and other non-employment based avenues available in US immigration law. MIA conducts case appeals as resources allow, but does not at this time engage in impact or class-action litigation. MIA also provides community legal rights presentations and consultations 'clinics' in the Memphis area. Finally, MIA engages in administrative advocacy in the Memphis area, organizing and attending meetings with USCIS, ICE, EOIR, local police, local immigrants' rights organizations and attorney stakeholders. Currently our administrative advocacy is focused around the 'U Visa' issue.

Under the supervision of MIA staff attorneys, assigned externs will conduct casework in a select number of cases, of the type listed above. Externs will also assist with client intake interviews, have the opportunity to work directly with clients, assist with immigration applications and filings, and potentially represent clients at immigration court hearings. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

Anticipated Spring 2021 Placements:

Asylum/Deportation Defense
Survivors' Project (Orders of Protection, Family Law)

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

The Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence ("the Coalition") is a statewide, nonprofit organization based in Nashville serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The Coalition has two legal clinics that work diligently to serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking across the state of Tennessee.

The Coalition's Sexual Assault Legal Clinic (SALC) primarily provides legal services to survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault and stalking. In the course of providing holistic representation to adult and youth victims of sexual assault, stalking, and a limited number of domestic violence cases, the SALC assists with civil and criminal matters. Memphis Law externs placed with SALC will work under

ongoing attorney supervision to assist with Orders of Protection cases and any other civil or criminal proceedings relating to a survivor's victimization.

The Coalition's Immigrant Legal Clinic (ILC) assists immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking with any immigration assistance they might need. This may include assistance with obtaining a U-Visa (Victims of Crime Visas, which allow immigrant victims of violence to live and work in the U.S.), obtaining a T-Visa (Victims of Trafficking Visas, which allow victims of trafficking to live and work in the U.S.), representing clients in removal proceedings, or assistance with obtaining work authorization, green card, or citizenship. Working in a context of holistic immigration assistance, it is expected that Memphis Law externs will perform supervised legal work and gain exposure to many different types of cases undertaken on behalf of immigrant clients.

Among other responsibilities, Coalition externs will perform legal research, conduct document review, and gain consultation experience with clients' consent.

Anticipated Spring 2021 Placements:

Sexual Assault Legal Clinic
Immigrant Legal Clinic

Tennessee Innocence Project

The Tennessee Innocence Project is the only full-time stand-alone innocence organization in Tennessee, and is dedicated to preventing and correcting convictions throughout the state. The TIP has three primary areas of focus:

- Litigating wrongful conviction cases for those in Tennessee prisons to obtain exonerations;
- Training law students and attorneys about how to litigate these cases and how to prevent future wrongful convictions; and
- Effectuating changes that facilitate the discovery of wrongful convictions and remedies to the wrongfully convicted.

The TIP established its office in Nashville in February 2019. Through the Bass, Berry & Sims' Pro Bono Fellowship Program, TIP has started to expand its presence in West Tennessee, working on cases in Shelby County and the surrounding areas. Among other assignments, TIP law student externs:

- Conduct legal research regarding issues relevant to post-conviction relief;
- Draft memoranda and assist with briefing on legal issues;
- Undertake investigatory work for current and future cases;
- Compile and review records from trial courts and appeals; and
- Assist with creating a guide for attorney involvement with the TIP.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIPS

Ducks Unlimited – Office of Land Protection

Ducks Unlimited, the world's largest nonprofit, waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization, has an opportunity for placement of a legal extern in its National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. DU is an accredited land trust with a portfolio of nearly 500 conservation easements and a fee-title portfolio of 23,000 acres. DU's land protection efforts conserve habitat across a diverse array of landscapes, from native prairie ecosystems in the Dakotas to bottomland hardwood forests in the Mississippi Delta to wetland systems along the coasts.

The assigned legal extern will work closely with the Director of Land Protection, whose primary responsibility is to guide, draft, and negotiate easement and fee-title transactions for the organization's nationwide land protection efforts. Specifically, the extern will assist with the following:

- Draft, review, and perform due diligence for conservation easement and fee-title transactions.
- Ensure DU's land protection efforts comply with federal and state statutes and regulations. Because most conservation easements are either fully or partially donated, it is particularly concerned with IRC § 170 and the associated regulations on Qualified Conservation Contributions, 26 CFR § 1.170A-14.
- Ensure compliance with all internal guidelines and policies, as well as the Land Trust Alliance accreditation standards.
- Interpret Conservation Easement Deed language to determine if a landowner's request to exercise a reserved right is permissible under the terms of the easement.
- Interpret Conservation Easement Deed language when potential violations arise and determine the organization's response to easement violations.
- Work with General Counsel's office to implement easement defense strategies.

The extern may also have the opportunity to work with the General Counsel's office on matters related to nonprofit fundraising, charitable regulations and governance, and trademarks.

FedEx Express Employment Litigation, Employment Law, and Commercial Litigation

This placement offers law student externs the opportunity to spend a semester embedded with FedEx Express's Employment Litigation, Employment Law, and Commercial Litigation groups. The employment litigation group represents FedEx Express, FedEx Corp., and FedEx Services throughout the country when these entities are sued regarding an employment relationship. The litigation this group handles primarily involves employment discrimination and wage and hour disputes. However, the cases may involve any lawsuit involving a prospective employee, current employee, or former employee who sues FedEx. This group also responds to charges of discrimination filed with agencies, such as the EEOC and analogous state agencies. The employment law group deals with non-litigation employment matters. This group provides day-to-day advice and consultation to FedEx managers and human resources professionals in the field. The group also provides training, conducts investigations into allegations of employee misconduct, works on FedEx's employee manuals, and generally ensures that FedEx is compliant with the various jurisdictions' laws and regulations. The commercial litigation group represents FedEx in lawsuits throughout the country involving cargo claims, business torts, antitrust matters, and breach of contract claims. These lawsuits may involve disputes with FedEx vendors, customers, or other companies.

Under the supervision of a FedEx attorney, the extern will be preparing drafts of legal briefs and pleadings. In addition, the extern will conduct electronic legal research. The extern will also assist attorneys in the preparation of taking and defending depositions, court hearings, trials, and internal meetings. FedEx conducts internal and external moot courts to prepare its attorneys for appellate oral arguments and significant dispositive motion arguments. The extern would participate in these moot courts, primarily serving on a mock judicial panel. The extern would also assist FedEx attorneys with presentations that educate the respective audience on legal developments and emerging legal trends. Additionally, the extern would review and analyze legal documents and employee files.

FedEx Corporation Transactions, Benefits & Employee Relations

The Business Transactions groups at FedEx Corporation represents many of the FedEx operating companies throughout the world focusing on technology transactions, sales contracting, marketing, intellectual property, communications and employment law. These groups provide internal support to the various business units and engage in complex negotiations with vendors and customers. The Business Transactions groups actively coordinate between the various operating companies and engage closely with our business partners to further FedEx's business interests. The employment group provides day to day advice and counsel to various groups within FedEx.

Under the supervision of a FedEx attorney, the extern will be involved in all aspects of the practice of the group. The extern will conduct research, draft contracts, assist in the negotiations of contracts, participate in vendor and customer negotiations and other legal related business meetings. The extern will also support the employment team assisting with labor and employment issues.

FedEx Logistics, Inc. – Legal Department

FedEx Logistics plays a key role within the FedEx portfolio. FedEx Logistics provides air and ocean freight forwarding, customs brokerage and international trade compliance, warehousing and transportation management, critical inventory logistics, and repair and return services. Serving more than 200 countries, FedEx Logistics leverages the power of the extensive international FedEx transportation network to provide customers a single source for end-to-end management of their shipments and global supply chains.

Among other assignments and opportunities, an extern may participate in Compliance and Regulatory risk assessments and audits; help negotiate sales agreements with Fortune 500 Corporations; correspond with global third party service providers; deal with various issues related to import and export controls; learn about various product lines offered by FedEx, including: customs brokerage, freight forwarding, warehouse supply chain, airfreight, ocean freight, e-commerce, surface transportation, return management, warehousing, and trade management; learn about laws and regulations of various U.S. Government agencies, including: Department of Justice, Department of Treasury, Department of Commerce, Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Transportation, and Securities and Exchange Commission; and address issues directly related to FXL's workforce. An extern may also take the FedEx Hub Tour, be part of moving into FedEx Logistics' new WHQ in Downtown Memphis, and participate in other FedEx sponsored events.

University of Memphis – Office of University Counsel

The University Counsel Externship course will offer students interested in higher education law and in-house legal practice the opportunity to earn academic credit for work performed under the immediate and ongoing supervision of attorneys in The University of Memphis Office of Legal Counsel. Students enrolled in this externship will be exposed to the wide variety of legal matters handled by the Office of Legal Counsel on behalf of its University client, examples of which include matters involving labor and employment disputes; academic and student issues; athletic and research compliance; business and real estate transactions; contract drafting and review; formulation and implementation of University policies; and intellectual property. Externs will actively engage in legal research and writing while learning through observation of and participation in hearings, negotiations, client meetings, and other practice events.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Office of Legal Services Law Student Externship

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a world-class research hospital treating children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases, and conducting research on those diseases. One of the world's largest health care charities, St. Jude is the first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted solely to children, and is the World Health Organization's Global Headquarters for the surveillance of animal-to-human influenza transmission. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center in the United States where families do not pay for treatment not covered by insurance. St. Jude has been recognized as the #1 pediatric cancer hospital in the country by both *U.S. News and World Report* and *Parents Magazine*; the most trusted non-profit in America by *Harris Interactive*; among the 10 best places to work in academia by *The Scientist* for several consecutive years and among the 100 best places to work (in any field) by *Fortune Magazine*, also for consecutive years. Notably, St. Jude has a strong international presence, and supports medical education, clinics, and hospital networks globally.

St. Jude's Strategic Plan

With the guidance of its plan, St. Jude 2021, St. Jude will accelerate progress globally by treating more patients on St. Jude-led clinical trials, advancing care for children with blood disorders, and setting the standard for clinical care and patient/family experience. Through its culture of excellence and innovative research, St. Jude will make scientific and medical discoveries and lead the way to improve medical care globally. <https://home.stjude.org/ceo-office/Pages/strategic-plan.aspx>

St. Jude Graduate School Opened Fall of 2017

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will train the next generations of academic researchers to work at the interface between basic and clinical research through a one-of-a-kind scientific interdisciplinary environment. St. Jude is home to more than 200 basic scientists and clinicians working across 21 academic departments, and has developed a unique graduate program for PhD in Biomedical Sciences based on hands-on laboratory research and training. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

About the Internship

Legal interns at St. Jude spend a summer immersed in a unique culture where basic, translational, and clinical research are all housed on the same campus in a robust hospital; where biochemists, computational biologists, geneticists, and statisticians routinely interact with medical and research specialists in infectious diseases, oncology, pharmacology, radiology, surgery, and hematology (including sickle cell disease). Interns will work with a number of lawyers, both in-house and (with supervision) outside counsel, on substantive projects in many aspects of the law – some of which will depend on the intern's interests – including health law, business transactions, risk management, international law, intellectual property, commercial transactions, labor and employment, clinical trials, grants and contracts, and even shaping law and regulations at the State and Federal levels. As part of the intern experience, each intern will tour and learn about legal issues related to patient housing, clinics, Children's GMP, and Environmental Health and Safety, and will have training in Export Control and HIPAA. Interns also have worked in depth with the Office of Technology Licensing, Managed Care, and Environmental Health and Safety. We take our mentoring obligations very seriously (and enjoy it!), so every assignment comes with plenty of context and follow-through opportunities for the interns, and client interaction is plentiful. Moreover, interns will find themselves routinely included in meetings of all types for educational purposes. Every past intern has given our program remarkably high scores, according to their respective law schools.

Application Details

Those who are in the second semester of the second year are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be fluent in English, have exceptional grades, and have taken Professional Responsibility or have passed the Multi State Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE). To prevent conflicts of interest, we do not accept students who have relatives working at St. Jude, except in extraordinary circumstances. Please send a CV and include your undergraduate, graduate (if any), and law school GPAs, and a cover letter to Professor Daniel Schaffzin, addressed to Kaleigh Davis, by November 16, 2020, for consideration. It is crucial that the cover letter address why the applicant wishes to have an internship at St. Jude, the intern's expectations, and why the intern believes he or she "belongs" here.

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