UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF LAW EXTERNSHIP COURSE
DESCRIPTIONS OF ANTICIPATED SUMMER 2020 EXTERNSHIP FIELD PLACEMENTS

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – U.S. COURTS
__ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
__ U.S. District Court for the Western District of TN (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of TN (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ U.S. Immigration Court (Memphis) (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS – TENNESSEE STATE COURTS (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ Tennessee Supreme Court
__ Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals
__ Shelby County Circuit Court

SUMMER HONORS PROSECUTION EXTERNSHIP (4 Credits/32 weekly hours)
__ Shelby County District Attorney General’s Office (Must have 45 credits to apply)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXTERNSHIPS
__ U.S. Attorney’s Office (3 Credits/12 weekly hours) (Must be a rising 3L Student to apply)
__ Federal Public Defender’s Office (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ Shelby County District Attorney General’s Office (Must have 45 credits to apply)
__ Shelby County Public Defender’s Office (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ State of Tennessee Office of the Attorney General (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIPS
__ Memphis City Attorney’s Office (Litigation Unit) (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)
__ Memphis City Attorney’s Office (Transactional Unit) (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ Memphis Shelby County Airport Authority–General Counsel (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY EXTERNSHIPS
__ Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
  __ Hearings Unit
  __ Legal Unit
__ U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, ICE, Office of Principal Legal Advisor (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
__ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers–Memphis District Counsel (3 Credits/12 weekly hours)

HEALTH PRACTICE EXTERNSHIPS
__ St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (4 Credits/32 weekly hours)
__ Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
  __ General Legal
  __ Labor & Employment
__ Medtronic Corporation - Ethics & Compliance Office (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
__ Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
__ Regional One Health (The Med) (3 Credits/24 weekly hours)
__ UTHSC Office of Sponsored Programs (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)

COMMUNITY LEGAL OFFICE EXTERNSHIPS (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
__ Advocates for Immigrant Rights
__ 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
--- Tennessee Innocence Project
--- Tennessee Justice Center (Nashville)

IN-HOUSE EXTERNSHIPS
--- Ducks Unlimited – Office of Land Protection (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
--- FedEx Corporation Transactions, Benefits & Employee Relations (3 Credits/24 hours)
--- FedEx Express Employment and Commercial Litigation (3 Credits/24 hours)
--- FedEx Logistics, Inc. – Legal Department (3 Credits/24 hours)
--- Orion Federal Credit Union – Office of General Counsel (2 or 3 Credits/16 or 24 weekly hours)
--- University of Memphis Office of University Counsel (3 Credits/24 hours)

SUMMER 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
Executive Office of Immigration Review/U.S. Immigration Court (Memphis)

The United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Memphis Immigration Court, is seeking a volunteer law student intern for the summer of 2020. The jurisdiction of the United States Immigration Courts includes all matters brought before the Court by the Department of Homeland Security. The Immigration Judges at the Memphis Immigration Court preside over formal immigration hearings to determine whether aliens are deportable, excludable, inadmissible, or removable from the United States. In addition, the Immigration Judges have jurisdiction to consider applications for various forms of discretionary and mandatory relief, including various waivers, adjustment of status, cancellation of removal, asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

The internship will entail in-depth research and analysis of legal issues, as well as the preparation of legal memoranda for Immigration Judges. Legal interns will have opportunities to draft decisions that will be taken under advisement by issuing Immigration Judges. Furthermore, interns will have opportunities to complete assignments that may later be used as writing samples and to observe removal hearings.

Although the internship is unpaid, academic credit may be obtained with the permission of the law school. This position is open to rising 2L and 3L law students. Interns typically work a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week, although there is flexibility. Additionally, the position requires that applicants be United States citizens and selected candidates must pass a background security check conducted by the Department of Justice. The background check will take eight to ten weeks to complete.

Selected interns should expect to begin working in mid-to-late May. Interested students should submit (preferably in pdf format) to Professor Schaffzin a cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample (no longer than ten (10) pages and unedited by third parties) addressed to:

Andrew Lindhome
Judicial Law Clerk
Memphis Immigration Court
80 Monroe Avenue, Suite 501
Memphis, TN 38103
(901) 528-5884
andrew.lindhome@usdoj.gov

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.

HONORS PROSECUTION EXTERNSHIP (Rising 3L Students Only)

Shelby County District Attorney General's Office

In this externship, summer students are placed in the Office of the Shelby County District Attorney General. Externs will also enroll in a once-weekly class seminar designed to focus on the substantive, procedural, and ethical issues arising in the day-to-day practice of a criminal prosecutor. 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 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 also prepare trial exhibits, and observe felony jury trials. Externs will 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 Offered: 4 Credits (32 hours per week)

Preferred Courses: Professional Responsibility, Evidence; Criminal Procedure, 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

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

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(s):
Professional Responsibility, Evidence; Criminal Procedure.
State of Tennessee Office of the Attorney General

The Office of the Attorney General for the State of Tennessee represents the officers and agencies of the State in civil litigation before state and federal courts and the Claims Commission. The Attorney General prosecutes all criminal cases in the appellate courts and exercises original prosecutorial powers in limited areas. Additionally, the Attorney General has the authority to institute civil actions for consumer fraud, environmental enforcement, and antitrust violations as well as ouster proceedings of public officials. The Attorney General also reviews all administrative regulations, as well as state contracts, deeds, and leases. In the exercise of his reporter function, the Attorney General reports the opinions of the Tennessee Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The Attorney General’s Office operates through 16 divisions: Bankruptcy; Civil Litigation and State Services Division; Civil Rights and Claims Division; Consumer Protection and Advocate Division; Criminal Appeals Division; Environmental Division; Federal Habeas Corpus Division; Financial Division; General Civil Division; Health Care Division; Law Enforcement and Special Prosecutions Division; Medicaid Fraud and Integrity Division; Public Interest Division; Real Property and Transportation Division; Tax Division; and Tobacco Enforcement Division. Assigned externs will have the opportunity to complete assignments across many of these divisions. If eligible, externs may seek student practice permission pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 7, Section 10.03 (the Tennessee Law Student Practice Rule).

General Eligibility Preference: GPA > 3.0

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 Summer 2020 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

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

The Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) is the largest legal program in the Department of Homeland Security. OPLA serves as the exclusive representative of the Department in immigration removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review; litigating all removal cases including those against criminal aliens, terrorists, and human rights abusers. OPLA also provides legal advice and counsel to ICE personnel on their customs, criminal, and immigration law enforcement authorities.

OPLA Memphis is seeking law student interns on a volunteer basis. The program does not require enrollment through your law school; however, we will work with students and professors to accommodate clinical program placements or pro-bono hour requirements. During the summer we seek students who are able to work 40 hours per week for a minimum of 8 weeks. Before commencing employment with ICE, all applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, which includes a credit check, security clearance, and drug testing. Additionally, all applicants must be United States citizens and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

We will provide unmatched litigation experience and valuable legal writing opportunities. All interns will attend immigration hearings and will be able to work toward the opportunity to appear in court under the supervision of an experienced attorney. Prior immigration experience or immigration comprehension is not required. We will offer training to provide a foundation for all assignments and students will have access to our experienced attorneys for additional guidance. The experience gained through our intern program will greatly enhance resumes and aid law students in their future endeavors. In fact, many of the agency’s recent new attorney hires have served as legal interns.
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 Summer 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.

Medtronic Corporation - Office of Ethics & Compliance

This Externship will offer the assigned student the opportunity to learn and work with Medtronic’s Office of Ethics & Compliance at the company regional headquarters in Memphis. Working closely with an assigned departmental mentor, the extern will engage in a broad range of compliance activities, including regulatory research, writing, investigations, and policy review; gain exposure to issues across the spectrum of clinical and regulatory compliance, customs compliance, Sunshine Act compliance, and environmental compliance; and attend and observe significant meetings, committees, trainings, and presentations as may be available during the semester. Previous externship experiences with Medtronic’s Office of Ethics & Compliance have included research on content for a training module on legal, ethical and compliance principles to be offered to compliance employees, policy gap analysis, research on
DPA/NPAs in the industry, culture advancement initiatives, and a comparison of Medtronic’s business conduct standards with industry best practices as set out in the AdvaMed and Eucomed codes.

**University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Office of Sponsored Programs**

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) provides support to the faculty and staff of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in their efforts to obtain external funding in support of their scholarly endeavors, while ensuring compliance with UT policy, sponsor terms and conditions, and applicable state and federal regulation and law. OSP staff review, negotiate, and approve all proposals for grants and research contracts and operate on the frontlines of health law to negotiate with other universities, government entities, and private companies to ensure that our faculty are able to conduct their research in this competitive market. All universities that accept extramural support have a sponsored programs office (or equivalent functional area) charged with binding the university to the terms and conditions included in the applications submitted and the awards received. The office functions include proper stewardship and oversight of regulatory compliance related to the research, including ensuring human subjects safety, animal safety, and compliance with export control and biosafety regulations.

An externship with OSP would allow a student to be a part of our contracts team and learn about the art of contract negotiation and the many different types of contracts that are used for biomedical research. Some of those contract types include: clinical trial agreements, grant agreements, research collaboration agreements, data use agreements, material transfer agreements, confidentiality agreements, and subcontracts and subawards.

The student will be supervised by the OSP Assistant Director for Research Agreements, and OSP will work with the student to create a schedule that will work with their classes. Training will be provided for relinearing agreements, negotiating with other parties, and relevant law and policies that continually affect our contracts here in Tennessee and at UTHSC.

**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).

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 Summer 2020 MALS Placements:

Consumer Unit
Education Law/PEAP
Expungement/Restoration of Rights Family Law
Fair Housing Center
Family Law
Low Income Taxpayer Unit Veterans’ Assistance
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).

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

**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. While opportunities for student involvement will continue to be identified as they arise, externs will initially assist by:

- Conducting legal research regarding issues relevant to post-conviction relief;
- Drafting memoranda and assist with briefing on legal issues;
- Undertaking investigatory work for current and future cases;
- Compiling and reviewing records from trial courts and appeals; and
- Assisting with creating a guide for attorney involvement with the TIP.

**Tennessee Justice Center (Nashville)**

For over 22 years the Tennessee Justice Center has been fighting against red tape to help Tennesseans access the basic necessities of life. We tackle that problem from many different paths, but one of our busiest is direct client service. Our casework team is made up of staff attorneys, full time advocates, and casework and legal interns.

Legal interns are members of the TJC’s Casework Team and respond to the needs of individual clients. Interns have the opportunity to manage an active caseload of 10 to 15 cases under the supervision of a TJC staff attorney. Responsibilities include performing intake interviews, doing legal research, drafting documents, interacting with clients and collaborating with fellow Casework Team members on case strategy. Interns also gain valuable experience working with legal case management software as well as AskJane!, the TJC’s proprietary Medicaid screening tool built on the Salesforce® platform. You can watch a short video and hear from former interns about their internship experience on the TJC website: [https://www.tnjustice.org/careers/](https://www.tnjustice.org/careers/)

Ideal candidates are law students who are interested in public interest law especially in the area of public health benefits. This internship provides valuable practice experience interacting with clients and governmental agencies. Interns gain extensive knowledge about Tennessee’s Medicaid law that will be
useful should they desire to continue to serve clients through the law school’s legal clinic. The internship is unpaid, but TJC will work with the law school so you can receive credit for your internship experience.

**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.
Orion Federal Credit Union -- Office of Legal Counsel and Compliance

Founded in 1957 as Memphis Area Teachers’ Credit Union, Orion Federal Credit Union has grown to become the largest credit union in Western Tennessee. Orion FCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned Orion offers a full spectrum of banking options ranging from savings and checking accounts to auto, mortgage and personal loans to almost everyone who lives or works in the greater Memphis area. Student externs placed with Orion FCU’s Office of Legal Counsel and Compliance will support the Office’s work in the area of banking law. Among other chores, the Office works to ensure compliance with all applicable banking statutes and regulations from the Federal Reserve, NCUA, HUD, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; review of loan documents and modification for specific loan promotions; draft modification and forbearance agreements for commercial loans; file claims against estates and review other probate matters; and create procedures for state law matters related to decedents’ accounts, safe deposit boxes, etc.

Beyond exposure to the Office of Legal Counsel and Compliance’s banking law practice, student externs will assist in the Office’s general practice, which includes contract drafting, review, and modification; review of possible EEOC-law violations; management of litigation referred to outside counsel and handling of smaller litigation matters; and provision of legal opinions on general business matters.

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 John Bailey, Global Privacy Officer, 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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