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PROSECUTION EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

EXTERN PLACEMENT

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1. This is the information and application packet for the for credit placement with prosecutor offices. It is not the application for the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law Summer Jobs Initiative, nor the Public Service Internship Program. Please review the information, then complete the application contained on the last two pages and submit to Professor Sinha by the applicable deadline.
2. Applications should be submitted as early as possible. Placements are made on a rolling basis. The sooner you turn in your application, the better your chances of getting your first placement choice. It is not unusual for student to submit applications for a placement the following year or even further ahead in time. Applications for placement with the United States Attorneys Office for the Spring 2010 semester must be completed by Friday, October 9, 2009.
3. If you at any point you realize that you wish to participate as a prosecution extern, see Professor Sinha. If there are available positions, every effort will be made to have you placed as a prosecution extern.
4. If you have a specific placement in mind away from the general vicinity of Oxford, Mississippi, please contact Professor Sinha as soon as possible.
5. Please review the applicable Limited Practice Rules to ensure that you meet all the requirements. You can find Mississippi's "Law Student Limited Practice Act" in the Mississippi Code, Title 73, Chapter 3, sections 201-211. If you are seeking placement in a different jurisdiction, please locate and review such jurisdiction's equivalent limited practice act (many times called Student Limited Practice) in order to ensure that you meet all requirements.
6. All students interested in being placed as a prosecution extern should review the *Prosecutorial Externship Program - Informational Manual* which is on reserve in the library. It can also be accessed through the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law website (Prosecutorial Externship Program - Informational Manual).

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The Prosecution Externship Placement (Law 654)

The placement of students as externs with prosecutor offices is an integral component of the Prosecution Externship Program. Prosecution externs are sworn in as limited practice student-attorneys. Through such placements the students gain hands-on experience by participating in the preparation and prosecution of criminal cases.

The externship placement is graded on a Z (pass/fail) basis. The Prosecution Function is a pre- or co-requisite for being placed as a prosecution extern in the fall or spring semesters. Students placed as prosecution externs in the summer terms must have previously taken the Prosecution Function, or take it the fall semester immediately following their placement. Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure are pre or co-requisites. Evidence is highly recommended. The externship placement is open to 3L students who have completed two thirds of the required number of credit hours for graduation, and who are in academic good standing.

Placements can be with local, state, or federal prosecution offices. Nationwide placements are normally done during the summer term. A student who has a specific prosecutor office he or she would like to extern with, should see Professor Sinha during the term prior to the eventual placement.

Placements for the summer terms are available in any jurisdiction where a student meets such jurisdiction's limited practice act. A student interested in a particular office should see Professor Sinha for further details.

The academic requirements for a prosecution extern include preparing a placement plan, maintaining a daily activity report documenting his or her work, as well as keeping an extensive journal reflecting upon such work. In addition to meeting in the classroom component, externs also meet with Professor Sinha during the semester. The requirements will be further addressed upon acceptance into the program. All requirements must be met in order for credit to be granted for the externship placement.

All students interested in being placed as prosecution externs should review the full *Prosecutorial Externship Program - Informational Manual*.

The number of credit hours a student can earn through the extern placement depends upon the number of hours the student selects to work at his or her placement. With the exception of students doing their externship placement with a United States Attorney office, students can select between three and six credit hours. Placement with a United States Attorney's office, requires six credit hours. Based on a 14 week semester, the credit and corresponding on-site hours is as follows:

- 6 credit hours. 20 hours per week. 280 hours for the semester.
- 5 credit hours. 16 hour per week. 224 hours for the semester.
- 4 credit hours. 14 hours per week. 196 hours for the semester.
- 3 credit hours. 10 hours per week. 140 hours for the semester.

Students wishing to extern with a United States Attorney's office need to complete a Department of Justice application and successfully complete an FBI background check. Please note that credit trouble, tax issues and arrests will raise flags during the background check, and may result in a denial of security clearance. Students with such concerns should consult with Professor Sinha. Once a student submits an application for placement as a prosecution extern with a United States Attorney's office, he or she commits to completing 280 on-site hours for six credit hours.

Students placed as prosecution externs during the summer term operate under the same guidelines as during the school year with some adjustments. The standard length for a summer placement corresponds to the eight week summer school session. Summer externs are not bound to do their externship on the same dates as the law school summer session.

Positions with local prosecutor offices generally fill up fairly quickly. Every effort is made to meet a student's preference. At times alternate assignments will be made.

Students interested in participating in the prosecution externship program need to complete the attached application packet. Registration for the externship placement is through regular class registration and permission from Professor Sinha.

Prosecution Externship Placement Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Student mail box # _____ GPA _____

Graduation date _____

Will you have completed two thirds of the required number of hours for graduation by the beginning of the term of your expected extern placement? Yes _____ No _____

How many hours have you completed now? _____

Do you expect to graduate within one year of beginning your externship: Yes ____ No ____

Have you taken Criminal Procedure? Yes / No. If not, when will you take it? _____

Have you taken the Prosecution Function? Yes / No. If not, when will you take it? _____

Will you qualify pursuant to the pertinent Student Practice Act? Yes ____ No ____

Indicate desired term of placement: _____

Circle number of credit hours: 6 5 4 3

Preferred placement location:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please attach a copy of your resume.

