



**National Center for Justice
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University of Mississippi School of Law

NCJRL SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE SUMMER 2010

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- This hand out contains information about the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law's paid Summer Jobs Initiative program. It is not the application for the Prosecutorial Externship Placement or the Public Service Internship Program wherein a student earns credit.
- Please review the pertinent information below as to the NCJRL Summer Jobs Initiative.
- Review the application procedure, prepare and collect all required documentation, and submit a completed application packet to Professor Sinha.
- Completed application packets are to be submitted by Friday, October 30, 2009.
- Applications will be reviewed, and interviews will be scheduled as appropriate in November. Notification of possible offers is expected to be made in December. This timeline may vary as necessary.
- Notifications of interviews as well as possible date changes will be done by email. As such, it is particularly important that you provide a correct email address and ensure such email address remains current.
- Complete and include in your application packet the attached Application Summary Form.

<p>NATIONAL CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW 2009 SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE</p>
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The National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law is proud to sponsor the NCJRL Summer Jobs initiative. These summer placements are paid clerkships for students entering their third year of law studies in prosecution related organizations. The placements are for highly motivated students interested in public service as prosecutors.

The NCJRL Summer Jobs Initiative is designed to place exceptional students with prosecutor offices and prosecutorial policy organizations across the country as paid law clerks. Students are paid a competitive salary through a grant provided from the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law to the place of summer employment. Academic credit cannot be offered for these summer employment positions.

Through this initiative, the NCJRL contracts with various organizations to create clerkships for qualified University of Mississippi law students, and provide funding to each organization for the students' salary. Students will be paid by the organization and not by the NCJRL. No academic credit can be earned. Students are responsible for their travel, room and board, and taxes. The grants will fund one student per placement for 8 to 10 weeks. Students will be paid \$750.00 a week and must commit to at least 8 weeks work.

Students will work with experienced prosecutors or policy makers in the respective organizations. The type of work will vary depending upon the organization.

Placements will only be filled as an appropriate candidate is identified for each position. The NCJRL reserves the right not to fill all positions depending upon availability of funding and qualified applicants.

Placements

Below is a list of possible clerkship positions for the summer of 2010. Students may apply for more than one placement. If so, they must indicate their preferences and explain why. Note that not all placements listed below will be filled.

In addition to the below listed offices, placements are possible in other District Attorney Offices in Mississippi. National placements are also possible. If a student has a particular interest in another Mississippi District Attorney's Office or in a national placement, please indicate such on the application. If arrangements can be made, such placements will be considered.

- **National Association of Attorneys General, Washington, DC**

NAAG and the NCJRL are partnering to create training opportunities on the investigation and prosecution of cybercrime for the offices of the attorneys general in each of the 50 states. The NCJRL seeks to help states coordinate efforts and develop model approaches to investigate and prosecute sophisticated criminal activity. Students selected to clerk with NAAG will work on criminal law issues, including issues related to the cybercrime training partnership that the Center has with NAAG.

Founded in 1907, NAAG is the professional membership organization for attorneys general and helps its members fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and assists in the delivery of high quality legal services to state and territorial jurisdictions. NAAG fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitates communications between states' chief legal officers and other levels of government. Additional information about NAAG can be obtained at www.naag.org

For the NAAG clerkship, the final selection will be made by the Executive Director of NAAG and an interview in Washington may be required.

- **Mississippi Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit, Jackson, MS**

The summer clerk with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office will work in that office's cybercrime unit in Jackson, MS.

To help combat sophisticated criminal activity, the cybercrime unit was established

by the attorney general's office. Funded by NCJRL, the unit has statewide oversight in investigating and prosecuting cyber-criminals, developing a computer forensics laboratory, and training law enforcement and public officials in cybercrime issues.

- In addition to the two above listed placements, there is a possibility that Summer Jobs Initiative placements can be arranged in district attorney offices locally or nationally. A student interested in being placed in a particular prosecutor's office should identify the office and explain their interest in that office.

Application process

Students interested in applying for a clerkship must submit the following materials:

1. A completed Application Summary Form.
2. A statement describing which clerkships you are seeking and why.
If a student is interested in more than one clerkship position, please indicate such, discuss why you are interested in each, and note your preferences.
3. Two letters of recommendation.
4. A copy of your law school academic record.
5. A signed declaration of commitment if selected.
6. Resume.
7. Writing sample.

Applications should be submitted to Hans P. Sinha, Clinical Professor and Director, Prosecutorial Externship Program. All material must be submitted by Friday, October 30, 2009. All of the above material should be submitted in one comprehensive packet.

Selection process

The Center has established a selection committee. The selection committee will review the applications and identify individuals to interview for each clerkship. The selection committee makes the final selection of candidates. Note, however, that for the NAAG clerkship, the final selection will be made by the Executive Director of NAAG and an interview in Washington may be required. Similarly, other positions may also require individual interviews with selected office. The Selection Committee reserves the right not to fill all positions.

National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law - 2010 Summer Jobs Initiative
Application Summary Form.

(Complete and include with application packet. Please type.)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone _____ Mail box # _____ Cell phone _____

2L / 3L _____ GPA _____

Graduation date _____

List the criminal courses you have taken:

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Preferred clerkship placements:
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