



Center for Professional Development Externship Program

Approval of Externship Placements

Each externship site and supervising attorney must be vetted and approved by the Assistant Dean of Professional Development and Externships. The factors that are considered during the vetting process include, but are not limited to, the extent to which the proposed externship placement can:

- provide a substantial lawyering experience to the student that is reasonably similar to the experience of a lawyer advising or representing a client or engaging in other lawyering tasks, as required under ABA Standard 304 (c);
- agree to provide in-depth feedback and an opportunity for observation to the student;
- commit to the educational mission of our program, including both cooperating administratively and demonstrating an interest in helping to teach students;
- provide a supervising attorney who can carry of the responsibilities of supervision. Factors demonstrating the likelihood of the supervising attorney's success include overall prior legal experience, extent of competing responsibilities, and the supervising attorney's prior teaching and mentoring experience;
- expose students to multiple practice areas while working with a diverse range of clients;
- demonstrate a history of providing meaningful legal internship opportunities with successful outcomes for law students;
- demonstrate the number of attorneys and non-attorneys employed by the organization and the ability to adequately supervise an extern in the event of a prolonged absence by the primary supervising attorney. Solo practitioners are not eligible to participate in the externship program;
- commit to being part of the program on an ongoing basis.