

Judicial Council Summer Internship Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: Will I be able to choose the Judge I will work for?

A: No, participants will be placed by the Judicial Council with a Judge in the District of Columbia. (The placement may be in a District of Columbia Court, a Federal Court, or an Administrative Law Court.)

Q: What is the length of the internship?

A: Ten weeks, from May 30, 2017, to August 4, 2017.

Q: Is the internship paid?

A: No, the internship is unpaid.

Q: Can I get course credit for this internship?

A: Yes, if a student wishes to receive credit for the internship, the student must make arrangements with his/her law school to receive credit prior to the start of the internship.

Q: Are only full-time internships available?

A: No, the student must commit to work for 10 weeks for either 40 hours (full-time) or 20 hours (part-time) per week.

Q: Are L.L.M students and law students who have graduated eligible to apply?

A: Yes, so long as they can commit to the same required hours per week.

Q: Do you have to be a U.S. citizen to apply?

A: No, you do not have to be a U.S. citizen; but you must have legal authorization to work or be in an internship program in the U.S. The requirements may vary between local judges versus federal judges, and may vary depending on which country is your country of citizenship. The Judicial Council does not set the

requirements; rather, the requirements are set by personnel policies at the courts.

Q: What makes this judicial internship different from other internships?

A: This program will include weekly lunch sessions with judges that will cover topics such as: legal writing, evidentiary issues, judicial ethics, the appellate review process in the federal judicial system, and other topics of interest to law students.

Q: Can I apply again if I have already participated in the Judicial Council Summer Internship program?

A. Unfortunately, the program is only open to students who have not already participated during a previous year. Please note that students who applied for the program during a previous year, but did not participate in the program, are welcome to apply again.