

INFORMATION SHEET: EXTERNSHIP LEGAL PRACTICE

WHAT IS EXTERNSHIP: LEGAL PRACTICE?

This is a new offering that will expand and improve the previous offering JD/LLM Supervised Independent Experiential Study. It is a 3 credit experiential offering: 2 credits of placement *in an outside externship placement that you find yourself* and a 1 credit seminar that meets every other week

WHY SHOULD I TAKE EX: LEGAL PRACTICE?

This new offering will allow you to still identify your own independent externship placement but with new advantages:

- The new one credit seminar will enable you to meet with and learn from other students in related placements, and earn more credits for the offering.
- The new seminar means you do not have to find your own faculty supervisor.
- This also means that you will be able to register for this class and not run into the restrictions on independent work in the Academic Rules. That means you can do Ex. Legal Practice and a note or other independent work with a faculty member.

WHAT ARE THE SEMINARS GOING TO BE LIKE?

There will be four different seminars, with students placed in the seminar according to the type of placement you arrange. Each seminar will meet for two hours every other week. The seminars will cover topics related to the placements and practice areas, develop lawyering skills, and provide structured opportunities for reflection. The proposed seminars and instructors for Spring 2024 are:

- Advocacy and Litigation, Susan Horwitz. This session will accompany placements in legal services and advocacy organizations. Prof. Horwitz is an experienced attorney with the Legal Aid Society's Civil Practice with trial and appellate experience in civil and criminal practice areas. She is currently the Director of the Education Team, overseeing direct services, advocacy, and impact litigation on behalf of students in the NYC public schools.
- Judicial Externship for JD Students, Hon. Ann Scherzer and Hon. Steve Statsinger. This session will accompany placements in state and federal courts for JD Students.
- Judicial Externship for LLM Students, Hon. Gerald Lebovits. This session will accompany placements in judicial chambers for LLM students. There will be more information forthcoming for LLM students about possible placement opportunities.
- General Counsel and Organizational Placements, Mark Nielsen. This session will accompany placements in in house counsel offices, corporations, nonprofit institutions, and government agencies. Prof. Nielsen is currently Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Frontier Communications Corporation and has previously served as a state legislator and as Chief Legal Counsel and Chief of Staff to the Governor of Massachusetts.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR EX. LEGAL PRACTICE?

Please fill out this google form and Director of Externships Liliana Vaamonde will be in touch with more details. Class size is limited so please fill out this [form](#) if you are interested, even if you have not finalized a placement.