

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP SYLLABUS

Fall Semester 2007
Thursdays 11 – 11:50
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TEXT

Rebecca Cochran, *Judicial Externships: The Clinic Inside the Courthouse*, (Lexis-Nexis 3rd ed. 2005). I will give you a schedule of reading assignments in class.

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE FIRST CLASS

1. Sign up for the TWEN website for this course.
2. Contact your judge if you have not yet done so to discuss your work schedule for the fall.
3. Find out the jurisdiction of your court. What kind of cases does it hear? Where does it fit within the state and federal court system?

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

You must complete the following activities during the semester to earn credit for your externship experience. I will provide more details on each of the following in class.

1. Field work

You must spend at least 100 hours working for your judge. Most of that time should be spent in the courthouse or the judge's chambers, although some work may be performed elsewhere with the judge's approval. Each week you must turn in a statement of the number of hours you worked that week and the nature of your activities.

2. Class attendance and participation

You must attend class each week, participate in class discussions, and read the assigned material before class.

3. Attend one judicial activity outside your externship

You must attend at least one courtroom event in a court other than your own sometime during the semester.

4. Written reflections

You must submit 3 written reflections during the semester, each 2-3 pages long.

Due Dates: September 13; October 11; November 8.

5. Presentation about externship

You must make a presentation to the class about your externship experience.

GRADING

Your grade will be based on your fulfilling the above requirements. With respect to class attendance, if you miss more than one class, if you miss class without notifying me, or if you are habitually late to class, I will adjust your grade accordingly.

OFFICE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

I am happy to meet with you outside of class. You are welcome to stop by my office any time or schedule an appointment. I will usually be in my office on Mondays from 11 – 12 and on Fridays from 10 – 12. Otherwise, email is the best way to contact me with questions. My e-mail address is michele.bradley@uc.edu. Unless otherwise specified in class, I will not be available to answer e-mail messages or phone calls after I leave the College of Law building in the afternoon.

I will communicate with you by e-mail to convey schedule and assignment changes and to provide other information of general interest to the class. You must register for my TWEN website so that you will receive all pertinent information. All information communicated via e-mail is considered to be available to all students, just as if it had been communicated in class. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail regularly.