

STUDENT EXPERIENTIAL COURSE APPLICATION

DEADLINE – FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

Name:		
Campus Mailbox No.:	Phone:	
Local Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Permanent Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email Address:	Local Phone:	

LEGAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

Present Year and Division:	Graduation Date:
No. of Credits Completed (as of term applied for):	Grade Point Average: (2.3 minimum**)
Courses Taken to Date (check if taking concurrently):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Responsibility*	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence*
<input type="checkbox"/> Interviewing & Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure I <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Procedure II <input type="checkbox"/> Other Criminal Elective	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Trial Methods <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Trial Methods <input type="checkbox"/> ATAP <input type="checkbox"/> ITAP <input type="checkbox"/> ADR

Experiential Enrollment Prerequisites:	
*Successful Completion required (C or better): Professional Responsibility Evidence (exception – Veterans Law Clinic – PR only)	**Minimum GPA required – 2.3 (exception: 2.5 for Judicial Externship)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Previous Clinic or Externship Enrollment: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
If YES, indicate:		
Which Program:	Semester/Year:	Credits Received:
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Other Languages?	Fluency? Competence?	

OTHER APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED
(Please Append Pages As Necessary)

- Summarize your legal experience to date.
- Summarize your other relevant experience (including jobs, skills, languages, interests, *etc.*)
- Give a brief explanation of your plan for your legal career, and explain how the experiential program applied for fits into your plan.
- Describe any employment, outside commitments and/or non-classroom law school activities in which you will be involved during your enrollment.
- Submit a current résumé and a transcript*** to the Director of each program for which you have applied (submit as email attachment).
- If you have applied for an externship, please submit a legal writing sample along with your application (submit as email attachment).

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EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

Offered Fall, 2018

The **Pa. Criminal Defense Clinic** provides representation to people in Chester County who are indigent and charged with misdemeanors in state court. Our clients are referred to us by the Chester County Public Defender.

What Students Do – Students are certified by the PA Supreme Court to represent clients in court under the direct supervision of Clinic Director Judith Ritter and Supervising Attorney Romie Griesmer. Students represent clients through all phases of their case: initial client interview, investigation, plea bargaining, preliminary hearings, pretrial motions and trials.

Credits and Hours Required – Students are enrolled for six (6) Credits and are expected to spend an average of 20 hours per week working on clinic cases, 10 of those hours must be spent in the clinic workroom. Students work with an assigned partner and have a weekly meeting with one of the clinic supervisors regarding their casework. Once enrolled in the Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.

Orientation and Clinic Seminar – In order to have students begin client representation as soon as possible there is a mandatory (1 or 2 day) orientation prior to the start of classes. The seminar meets once a week, usually from 2 - 4 p.m. Due to the importance of the professional skills, substantive law and procedure being taught, seminar attendance is mandatory-- no unexcused absences are allowed. If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to drop by our offices (Romie Griesmer Clinic Wing 253, Professor Ritter 305).

Enrollment –Only third year students are eligible to enroll. Students will be selected by the Clinic Director and Supervising Attorney after submission of application and interview. Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Evidence and Professional Responsibility are course prerequisites. Preference will be given to students who have taken Trial Methods or ITAP and/or Criminal Procedure II.

Once enrolled in the Pennsylvania Criminal Defense Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW CLINIC

Offered Fall, 2018

The **Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic** has, since 1989, offered students the opportunity to prepare for practice by assisting clients with issues under federal Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, National Environment Policy Act, and other federal, state, and local environmental laws.

The Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic provides legal representation to individuals and dozens of national and regional public interest environmental groups. Cases include appeals, regulatory proceedings, land use and citizen suits as private attorneys general in Federal and State courts. Students work with administrative agencies, scientists and engineers, conduct documentary research, and develop and implement legal strategies under the close supervision of the Clinic Director.

The Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic also includes a weekly seminar that addresses substantive and procedural problems encountered by students in their clinical work, as well as work on the Clinic Case, an exercise to develop and hone practical skills of civil litigation drafting and strategy.

Recommended but not required – one of the following: Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, Enforcement of Environmental Law, Ocean & Coastal Law, Environmental Seminar, Toxic Torts, Evidence.

For more information, visit www.widenerelc.org and click on “Environmental Law Clinic – For Students” link.

Once enrolled in the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.

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JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Offered Summer & Fall, 2018 – (ED and RD students encouraged to apply)

Placements: Students enrolled in the **Judicial Externship Program (JEP)** are placed as part-time clerks for academic credit in the chambers of judges in State and Federal trial and appellate courts in Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including Federal Circuit, District and Magistrate Courts; State Supreme, intermediate appellate and trial courts, and various other courts including U.S Tax Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, state courts of equity and administrative law courts.

Requirements: The course is graded pass/fail. Briefly put –and not intended to limit more specific instructions- to complete the program, externs must:

- Spend a minimum of 10 hours per week in placement (3 credits/semester; 2 semester commitment)
- Submit three periodic 3-5 page reflective writings; complete practice MPT exam
- Participate in weekly class activities on the JEP Homepage
- Complete student placement evaluation
- Satisfactory evaluation by supervising judge

Prerequisites: Applicants must have completed 3 semesters of law school, and must have successfully completed courses in Professional Responsibility and Evidence. The Director will have final authority to determine which applicants qualify for admission and to determine placements with particular courts. We recognize that some students have special relationships with judges, or may have contacted judges prior to application and enrollment. Such arrangements for placements will be carefully considered as they occur. Students are strongly urged to complete the application and placement interview before communicating with a judge.

Application Requirements: Applicants must complete the **Student Experiential Course Application Form** in this packet, and submit the completed Application Form, along with a complete, current, **official transcript of grades (student copy)** to Patti Burns, 4th floor faculty secretarial area, Law Building.

In addition, applicants **must** submit an electronic copy (as an email attachment) of a current résumé and a writing sample to Professor Catania at fcatania@widener.edu.

Once enrolled in the Judicial Externship Program, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from the Program Director.

PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Offered Summer & Fall, 2018 – (ED and RD students encouraged to apply)

The Public Interest Externship Program (PIEP) is generally a full-year clinical legal field placement experience in which students may earn up to a total of eight (8) academic credits. The course is graded pass/fail.

If you have questions about placements for the Academic Year, please contact Professor Catania at fcatania@widener.edu (ext. 2108).

Prerequisites: By the start of the Externship Placement, students must have earned 60 credits for DE and NJ (45 credits for PA), and must have successfully completed courses in Professional Responsibility and Evidence. Some placements may also require students to have completed additional courses, such as Federal Tax, Family Law, ITAP and/or Trial Methods.

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EXPERIENTIAL OFFERINGS not available in Summer or Fall, 2018

INSIDE-OUT: Crime & Punishment in the US
(3 Credits) Offered in Spring, 2019

DELAWARE CIVIL CLINIC
Offered in Spring, 2019

VETERANS LAW CLINIC
Offered in Spring, 2019

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES: _____ *Offered Summer & Fall, 2018*

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- **City of Wilmington Law Department – (*ED and RD students encouraged to apply*)** Public Interest externs in this placement will work in the Office of the City Solicitor on a variety of matters, including matters unique to the public sector. The Law Department represents the executive and legislative branches of city government with regard to legislation, litigation, transactions, real estate, FOIA, employment, and general advice. An extern's responsibilities would include conducting legal research, preparing memoranda, drafting legislation, and participating in team meetings. This is an opportunity to learn about many types of law and obtain public sector experience. Externs will be supervised by Luke W. Mette, Esq., City Solicitor.
- **Office of Disciplinary Counsel – Supreme Court of Delaware – (*ED and RD students encouraged to apply*)** – The Chief Disciplinary Counsel and her deputies in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, a unit of the Delaware Supreme Court, are charged with safeguarding the reputation of the Delaware Bar by carefully handling sensitive lawyer disciplinary cases. A Public Interest extern in this placement will learn about the ethical practice of law and problems encountered by attorneys who face disciplinary charges relating to the unauthorized practice of law, business mismanagement and other misconduct. This externship will involve legal research, fact investigation and litigation tasks. Students with strong academic records as well as excellent research and writing skills are preferred. Externs will be supervised by Patricia Bartley Schwartz, Esq., Disciplinary Counsel.
- **Office of Counsel to New Castle County Council – (*ED and RD students encouraged to apply*)** – This is a placement in the office of a Delaware Law School alumnus who represents the County Council. Extern duties will include legal research, legislative research, drafting legal memoranda, and assisting Counsel to Council on substantive legal matters. Externs will be supervised by Michael Migliore, Esq., Counsel to Council.
- **NUMEROUS OTHER JUDICIAL & PUBLIC INTEREST EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENT POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE**

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EXPERIENTIAL COURSE CHOICES

Please indicate your preference(s) in applying for enrollment to one or more of these experiential offerings by numbering your preferences in the boxes at left below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law & NR Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Experiential Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside/Out | (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial Externship Program | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PA Criminal Defense Clinic | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Externship Program | _____ |

NOTE: Students cannot register for an Experiential Program without authorization from a Program Director. Once enrolled in an Experiential Program, students may not withdraw from the course without specific written authorization from a Program Director.

NOTE: Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered for positions in the clinic or externship applied for if space is available.

NOTE: If you have already submitted an application for a clinic or externship offered in the summer or fall, you need not submit a new application. If you have submitted an application for a clinic that is not offered in the summer or fall, and you are interested in another clinic or externship for the spring, please email Professor Catania (fc Catania@widener.edu) with the subject line "Experiential Application Update") by the Application deadline, indicating your new preference.