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Externs Meet for Brown Bag Lunch Sessions

Judge Gray R. Miller of the Southern District of Texas graciously lent us the use of his downtown courtroom for two Brown Bag Lunch Sessions for local summer externs.

During these sessions, (headed by Professors Bonadero, Archer, and Worrell), attendees discussed topics such as their current projects and what things most surprised them about their work experiences. Students also shared tips on matters such as the best (i.e., cheapest!) downtown parking locations and the best spots to grab a quick lunch.

Summer 2014 Externship Program Recap

The spring semester had barely ended when over one hundred students began working for academic credit through the UHLC’s Externship Program.

These students secured positions at various non-profits, (from the Museum of Fine Arts-Houston to the Texas Medical Board in Austin), as well as government agencies, (from the Harris County DA’s Office to CNH in Mexico City). Students also served as judicial externs in chambers as close as downtown Houston to as far away as the state of California.
Actually, it was smooth sailing all the way for the group of UHLC student externs who traveled to Mexico this summer to work in governmental field placements. While there, students honed their skills in areas such as:

- Research and writing;
- Presenting; and
- Spanish speaking and translation.

Several students worked for the Comision Nacional de Hidrocarburos, or CNH—a technical organization designed to support the Mexican Ministry of Energy in defining/implementing the country’s hydrocarbon policy.

Another extern described his Mexican work experience in this way: “It is really cool seeing how my work and time at CNH has culminated into a real, tangible product that will have a major effect on Mexico and the oil and gas industry.”

Students who are interested in pursuing an externship in Mexico during Summer 2015 are encouraged to contact Prof. Stephen Zamora, Executive Director of the UHLC’s Center for U.S. and Mexican Law, or the Center’s Assistant Director, Ignacio Pinto-Leon.

“Today we went to the refinery in Tula, Hidalgo [Mexico]. It was very interesting to learn how everything we have discussed in cases actually comes to life, and seeing the actual process helped me visualize what we talk about.” — Student Journal Entry
More Students Participating in Externships

This fall semester, the Externship Program is enjoying an increased level of participation! UHLC students are currently working for academic credit at the following organizations/offices/chambers:

- Fort Bend DA’s Office
- Harris County DA’s Office
- Museum of Fine Arts-Houston
- IRS/Houston Office
- Texas Disability Rights
- Federal Public Defender’s Office
- Harris County Public Defender’s Office
- Methodist Hospital’s Business Practices Office
- Baylor College of Medicine’s Risk Management Office
- ACLU
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection
- U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Southern District of Texas Courts
- Immigration Court
- U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

A Day at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center’s Institutional Compliance Office

“Overall, it has been a great experience. I have learned a lot of health law regulation these past few months, (especially in regard to patient privacy), and I think I should be well prepared for my health law classes this coming semester. I have also met some great people, and they have all been very kind and welcoming. I am very grateful for this externship experience.”

— John Kantarjian

A Day at the Harris County Public Defender’s Office

“[This past week,] I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit with some of our office’s clients in jail. I was impressed with how diligent and prompt the attorneys were in visiting their clients and communicating with them by phone. The attorney I followed patiently answered each and every question. The [attorney] asked and even gave his private phone number to each of his clients.”

— Ben Friedman
Benefits of Doing an International Externship

- Global experience
- Increased sensitivity to other cultures and ways of doing business
- Boost your résumé
- Make contacts
- Sharpen your foreign language skills
- Potential to travel/sightsee during off hours
- New experiences/lasting memories

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