

Spring 2022 FIELD PLACEMENTS

The Field Placement Program is accepting applications for Spring 2022 field placements. **In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, students may be asked to work virtually due to public health orders or office policy. The Iowa Law Field Placement Program will permit students to receive academic credit for virtual field work during this time.** The anticipated format for some placements is listed. Due to the current uncertainty, the format of the placement is subject to change. In addition, the University of Iowa has provided the following guidance regarding experiential education:

It is a student’s responsibility to be aware of the host organization’s policies on COVID-19 vaccination, quarantine and isolation. While the university does not require students to be vaccinated against COVID-19, many organizations are requiring vaccination for all employees and individuals at those organizations. Please understand that if you cannot provide proof of vaccination for those organizations, you may not be allowed to participate in their programs.

Before submitting applications, you must meet with Prof. June Tai to discuss your goals and interests. Appointments may be scheduled via Calendly: <https://calendly.com/jttai>. Students will be limited to applying for their top three choices and careful planning will help to fit your goals to the anticipated work in the placement.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Office Location</u>	<u>Format*</u>
Government Agencies		
Federal Public Defender	Cedar Rapids	Flexible
Iowa Attorney General	Des Moines	
Criminal Appeals		
Consumer Protection		
Licensing & Administration		
Environmental Law Division		
Iowa City City Attorney’s Office	Iowa City	In Person
Iowa State Appellate Defender	Des Moines	In Person or Hybrid
Iowa State Public Defender	Cedar Rapids	In Person
Jones County Attorney	Anamosa	In Person
Linn County Attorney	Cedar Rapids	In Person
U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Iowa <i>(this placement is pre-approved, but has a separate application process; see https://bit.ly/3afNR4r)</i>	Davenport, Des Moines, or Council Bluffs	In Person
Nonprofit Legal Services		
ACLU	Des Moines	TBD in January 2022
Disability Rights Iowa	Des Moines	Hybrid

Iowa Legal Aid	Cedar Rapids, Davenport, or Iowa City	In person preferred
Iowa State Education Association	Des Moines	Flexible
Kids First Law Center	Cedar Rapids	
Lavender Legal Center	Cedar Rapids	Virtual
MacArthur Justice Center	St. Louis, MO	Flexible
New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc.	Cedar Rapids	
Student Legal Services	Iowa City	In Person
Judicial Placements		
Sixth Judicial District	Iowa City/Cedar Rapids	In Person
Hon. Brent Appel, Iowa Supreme Court	Des Moines	In Person
Hon. Thad Collins, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, N.D. Iowa	Cedar Rapids	In Person
Hon. Sarah Darrow, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, C.D. Illinois	Rock Island	In Person
Hon. Stephen B. Jackson, Jr., U.S. Magistrate Judge, S.D. Iowa	Davenport	In Person
Hon. Matthew McDermott, Iowa Supreme Court	Des Moines	In Person
Hon. Christopher McDonald, Iowa Supreme Court	Des Moines	In Person
Hon. Dana Oxley, Iowa Supreme Court	Cedar Rapids/Des Moines	In Person
Hon. Mark Roberts, U.S. District Court Judge, S.D.	Cedar Rapids	In Person
Hon. Thomas Waterman, Iowa Supreme Court	Davenport/Des Moines	In Person
Hon. C. J. Williams, U.S. District Court Judge, N.D. Iowa	Cedar Rapids	In Person
Corporate Counsel Placements		
ACT, Inc	Iowa City	In Person or Hybrid
Deere & Company Global Intellectual Property Services	Moline, IL	
New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc.	Cedar Rapids	
Unity Point Health	Des Moines	
University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics	Iowa City	In Person

DEADLINES

- October 25-
December 15 Decisions will be made on a rolling basis; additional applications via Symplicity accepted as space is available
- December 15 Deadline for all applications. Students interested in the spring semester field placements should have expressed interest to Prof. Tai and be working to secure a field placement by this date
- January 4 Last day to enroll in Spring 2022 Field Placement Program**

General Information about Field Placements

Each field placement is for the full semester, and scheduling each week is arranged between the student and the field placement site. For placements outside of the greater Iowa City area, on-site scheduling is usually arranged for two or three full days (depending on the crediting). Full-time away placements are possible. Students must meet with Prof. Tai to discuss planning and logistics before applying for a field placement.

Crediting for the field placement is comprised of two parts:

- 1) each student earns 2 credits (graded) for successful completion of the class associated with the placement and taught by a law school faculty member; and
- 2) each student earns credits associated with the field work as indicated in the placement listing or as arranged based on hours worked (pass/fail).

Students may also separately apply for and propose a placement for credit. Students interested in proposing a placement or with questions about the field placement program generally should schedule a meeting with Prof. Tai using Calendly (<https://calendly.com/jttai>).

FIELD PLACEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Field Placements in Government Agencies

1. Federal Public Defender/Cedar Rapids

- Description: This externship involves working with attorneys and support staff defending individuals charged with federal crimes. Students working in this office will do a substantial amount of legal research and writing, as well as fact investigation and interviewing clients.
- Requirements: 14-25 hours on-site per week and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. For 6 credits, students must spend 2 days a week on site. For 9 credits, students must spend 3 days a week on site. For 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail for the field work; for 9 credits, 7 credits will be awarded graded pass/fail for the field work. In both cases, two credits, graded, will be earned for the class.

2. Iowa Attorney General's Office/Des Moines

• Consumer Protection

- Description: This Division enforces laws that protect consumers from fraud and false or misleading consumer practices and ensures fair marketplace competition. It enforces laws aimed to give consumers information, such as in consumer credit and loan disclosure areas. Externs will complete a wide variety of projects associated with the Division, including legal research and writing, interviewing witnesses, and interacting with the legislative process by attending hearings and committee meetings and legislative drafting. For more information about the division, see the Division description on the Iowa Attorney General Web Page. Externs will work with attorney supervisors on a wide variety of projects and subjects that meet the externs' specific interests.
- Requirements: Scheduling is somewhat flexible, but it is expected that students would arrange their classes at the law school on two or three days, and spend two or three full days in Des Moines. These externships are available either for 9 credits (three days per week on site) or 6 credits (two days per week on site). For 9 credits, 7 will be awarded pass/fail; for 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail. Both also require a seminar for two credits, graded.

• Criminal Appeals

- Description: This Division strives to keep in place the criminal convictions and sentences obtained by county attorneys and area prosecutors. It opens nearly 800 cases each year, and files about 400 briefs. In addition to direct criminal appeals, the division handles sexually violent predator commitment appeals, state post-conviction appeals, and inmates' challenges to their state convictions filed in federal court. The extern will have an excellent opportunity to develop research and particularly writing skills, working under careful supervision of attorneys. There may be opportunities to observe or to participate in oral arguments before Iowa appellate courts. Student should have taken at least one Criminal Procedure class. See <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/about-us/divisions/criminal-appeals> for more information about the Division.
- Requirements: Scheduling is somewhat flexible, but it is expected that students would

arrange their classes at the law school on two or three days, and spend two or three full days in Des Moines. These externships are available either for 9 credits (three days per week on site) or 6 credits (two days per week on site). For 9 credits, 7 will be awarded pass/fail; for 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail. Both also require a seminar for two credits, graded.

- Licensing & Administrative Law

- Description: This Division is one of the largest and most diverse divisions in the Office. The division provides legal services to all levels of state government, including 100 different state agencies. Division attorneys defend state officials and agencies in state and federal court, prosecute administrative hearings, initiate consumer litigation in areas such as securities fraud, issue Attorney General's opinions, review and draft legal documents, and provide day-to-day legal guidance on a wide range of issues. In addition, the division enforces the public interest in charitable trusts, and disseminates information on key issues affecting government operations, such as open meetings, public records, gift law, conflicts of interest, and rulemaking. For more information, visit <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/about-us/divisions/license-and-administrative-law>. Externs will work with attorney supervisors on a wide variety of projects and subjects that meet the externs' specific interests.
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- Environmental Law Division

- Description: The Environmental Law Division represents the State of Iowa in issues affecting the environment. The majority of the division's work involves representing the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and the Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board. For more information, visit <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/about-us/divisions/environmental-law>. Externs will work with attorney supervisors on a wide variety of projects and subjects that meet the externs' specific interests.
- Requirements: Scheduling is somewhat flexible, but it is expected that students would arrange their classes at the law school on two or three days, and spend two or three full days in Des Moines. These externships are available either for 9 credits (three days per week on site) or 6 credits (two days per week on site). For 9 credits, 7 will be awarded pass/fail; for 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail. Both also require a seminar for two credits, graded.

3. Iowa City City Attorney's Office/Iowa City

- Description: The City Attorney and his staff act as Chief Legal Counsel to the City Council, City Manager, the various City departments and staff, and most City commissions, committees and boards. The City Attorney also reviews and approves proposed City ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and other legal documents; oversees property acquisition needed for

public improvements; prepares legal opinions for Council and City staff; and represents the City in litigation in which the City is involved, including violations of City ordinances. An extern with the City Attorney's Office can expect to conduct legal research and draft memoranda on matters as they arise in the office. While the precise projects can be difficult to predict, areas of law may include planning and land use, civil litigation, administrative law and proceedings, constitutional law, and the executive functions of a municipality. Depending on scheduling and case load, students may also have the opportunity to prosecute ordinance violations and municipal infractions in Magistrate's Court.

- Requirements: 14 hours minimum on-site per week, spread out over the week, and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. Preference for students available for staff meetings on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. For purposes of Magistrate's Court, interested students should plan to work two mornings, Tuesday through Friday. First preference will be giving to students that have taken Evidence and Trial Advocacy. Six academic credits will be available, four credits pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.

4. Iowa State Appellate Defender/Des Moines

- ~~Description: The student will be responsible for developing appellate arguments, drafting briefs, and arguing cases before the Iowa Court of Appeals or Iowa Supreme Court when the court calendar allows. The field placement requires substantial legal research and writing. Priority in this lottery will go to students who have completed Criminal Procedure: Investigations and Appellate Advocacy I.~~
- ~~Requirements: 25 hours minimum on-site per week and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. Nine academic credits will be available, seven credits graded pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.~~

5. Iowa State Public Defender/Cedar Rapids

- Description: The State Public Defender's mission is to ensure that all indigent persons in Iowa are provided high quality legal representation in criminal, juvenile and other eligible proceedings in the most efficient and fiscally responsible manner. Externs assist in the defense of criminal cases including: attending hearings, drafting briefs and motions, interviewing potential witnesses, participating in the investigation of the cases, and all other matters that pertain to criminal defense.
- Requirements: 14-25 hours minimum on-site per week and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. For 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail for the field work; for 9 credits, 7 credits will be awarded graded pass/fail for the field work. In both cases, two credits, graded, will be earned for the class.

6. Jones County Attorney's Office/Anamosa

- Description: The Jones County Attorney's Office prosecutes violations of criminal laws that occur in Jones County. The County Attorney also acts as the chief legal advisor to the County Board of Supervisors, and officers. This is a small county attorney's office, so the extern will work closely with the County Attorney and Assistant County attorney. An extern can expect to gain practical trial experience by prosecuting simple misdemeanors in Magistrate's Court. The extern may also assist with prosecution of indictable crimes, including participating in suppression hearings and trials, attending victim meetings, and drafting briefs.

- Requirements: 15-25 hours on-site per week. While scheduling in this placement is flexible, students must arrange their schedules to allow time to prepare for and appear in Magistrate's Court on Wednesdays. Students may also wish to take into account that district court hearings are typically held on Mondays, and juvenile court on Fridays. Students must have completed the equivalent of three semesters of law school, and have taken Evidence. Preference will be given to students who have taken Criminal Procedure. 6-9 academic credits available; 4-7 credits pass/fail for the field work and 2 credits graded for the class.

7. Linn County Attorney's Office /Cedar Rapids

- Description: The Linn County Attorney's Office prosecutes violations of criminal laws that occur in Linn County. The County Attorney also acts as the chief legal advisor to the County Board of Supervisors, and officers. An extern in the Linn County Attorney's Office would have the opportunity to gain practical trial experience in court by prosecuting simple-misdemeanors in Magistrate's Court. The student may also assist with prosecution of indictable crimes, including suppression hearings, trials, victim meetings, and research projects.
- Requirements: 15 hours minimum on-site per week, spread out over the week, and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the field supervisor. While scheduling in this placement is flexible, students should be aware that trials start on Monday. Students will also wish to schedule this placement to allow time to prepare and appear in Magistrate's Court. Students must have completed the equivalent of three semesters of law school, and have taken Evidence. Preference will be given to students who have taken Criminal Procedure and Trial Advocacy. Six academic credits will be available, four credits pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.

Field Placements in Non-Profit Agencies

1. ACLU of Iowa/Des Moines

- Description: Interns will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience by working with the legal program staff on a wide variety of issues. They will potentially learn to assist on all aspects of litigation and legal advocacy, including: screening potential cases and providing assistance to potential clients; researching and/or drafting materials for litigation, legal advocacy, or public education; and other projects as assigned. This internship is open to all law students who have completed at least one year of law school and possess the following: excellent research, writing, analytical and communication skills; strong computer skills, particularly web-based research including proficiency with Microsoft Office; the initiative to see projects through to completion; and a demonstrated interest in advocating for civil liberties.
- Requirements: 16 hours minimum on-site per week and attend an associated class at the law school (24 hours per week preferred). Hours to be arranged with the field supervisor. Preference given to students who have completed Constitutional Law II.

2. Disability Rights Iowa/Des Moines

- Description: Disability Rights Iowa defends and promote the rights of Iowans with disabilities, including mental illness. The office provides representation in all aspects of disability rights, including exposure to areas of practice such as special education, health care, accessibility,

guardianship, and employment. Depending on the caseload in the office, work could include cases ensuring access and accommodations to services and places, access to healthcare, and investigating abuse and neglect. Students may draft correspondence and pleadings, conduct client interviews, draft discovery, conduct legal research, and attend administrative hearings. *Thanks to a generous gift, the law school is able to offer a stipend of about \$1500 to help defray costs associated with traveling to Des Moines for this externship.*

- Requirements: 2 to 3 days per week, and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. The student should plan to work at least half the hours in person in the office and some remote work is possible.

3. Iowa Legal Aid/Cedar Rapids, Davenport, or Iowa City

- Description: Iowa Legal Aid provides civil legal assistance to persons otherwise unable to afford their own counsel. Cases include family law/domestic abuse; housing (evictions and foreclosure); welfare and income maintenance; Medicare/Medicaid, social security and other benefits programs. Externs conduct intakes and present evidence at hearings regarding domestic abuse protection orders and evictions.
- Requirements: This externship is available for 6-9 academic credits. Court hearings are held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, but scheduling in the field placement is flexible. Students must also attend an associated class at the law school.

4. Iowa State Education Association/Des Moines

- Description: The Iowa State Education Association is an affiliate of the National Education Association, which is a labor organization that advocates for quality public education and represents public sector educational employees. A legal extern in this position will report to Associate Executive Director for Advocacy Services. The extern will support staff attorneys in administrative matters and general litigation, collaborate with staff attorneys on legal issues and conduct legal research, draft memos and review legal documents, and attend and assist with client meetings, hearings, and trainings. Other special projects and duties may be assigned
- Requirements: Excellent written, oral communication and research skills. Demonstrated interest in labor, employment and education law a plus. Committed to advocating for unions and public education employees. Possess strong organizational and time management skills and superior research and writing skills.

5. Kids First Law Center/Cedar Rapids

- Description: This office provides free representation for children whose parents are involved in high-conflict custody or divorce cases. Students may conduct case investigations, participate in discovery and argue motions, interview witnesses and help prepare their trial testimony, draft correspondence and pleadings, conduct legal research, facilitate negotiations between the child clients' parents, and strategize with the attorney of record as to how to proceed in cases. Since the cases are already pending, this field placement will focus on the development of litigation skills. Students are also expected to co-lead at least 3 evening or Saturday morning educational workshops for children whose parents are divorcing with Kids First attorneys.
- Requirements: A demonstrated interest in child advocacy is necessary. 2 days minimum or 3 days maximum on-site per week, spread out over the week, and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. Six or nine academic credits,

respectively, will be available, four or seven credits graded pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.

6. Lavender Legal Center/Cedar Rapids

- Description: Lavender Legal Center is a new non-profit in Cedar Rapids that will provide direct representation, advocacy, and referrals for LGBTQ individuals. While the organization's work will evolve depending on community needs, we currently anticipate that an intern may assist with drafting legal documents for name changes, step parent adoptions, and wills for low-income LGBTQ individuals. In addition, the student will help perform case intake, legal research, assist in establishing business structure, and refer clients to other resources where appropriate. If the student is interested in the holistic approach of the Lavender Legal Center, students may also engage in advocacy work.
- Requirements: The cover letter should be addressed to Kendra Weston, Executive Director & Attorney and should describe the student's experience or interest in public interest.

7. MacArthur Justice Center/St. Louis

- Description: The MacArthur Justice Center is a public interest law firm that has litigated countless high-impact civil rights and systemic reform cases in courts around the country. The Saint Louis office, working in collaboration with three other MJC offices, seeks to advance criminal, juvenile and racial justice in the Midwest generally — and the St. Louis region in particular — through similar litigation initiatives. Externs perform a range of duties to support the office's trial work, advocacy, and outreach. Such tasks may include sentencing mitigation investigation, responding to letters seeking legal assistance, client intake meetings, witness statements, prison visits, case strategy, criminal justice related research, or other tasks.
- Requirements: This is a full-time semester away placement approved for up to 14 credits; due to the pandemic, remote work is possible.

8. The New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc./Cedar Rapids

- Description. The New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc. (NewBoCo) is a nonprofit focused on entrepreneurship, education, and innovation. NewBoCo has several programs, including the Iowa Startup Accelerator, K-12 and adult education programs, and a venture capital investment fund. More information about the organization may be found at: <https://newbo.co/>. A student in this externship will gain exposure to a wide range of general company legal issues, such as employment and contract law. In addition, work with the Startup Accelerator and the angel investor network involves educating entrepreneurs on corporation law, federal securities and investment company law. Working under the supervision of the general counsel, the extern may conduct legal research, draft and revise contracts, assist investors in conducting due diligence evaluations of potential investments, and assist with investment fund management.
- Requirements: 15 hours minimum on-site per week, attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the on-site supervisor. Six academic credits will be available (four credits pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class). Prior coursework in Business Associations or Securities law is helpful, but not required. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter describing relevant coursework and interests. A writing sample is optional. The selected student will need to complete a background check.

9. Student Legal Services/Iowa City

- Description: **Two positions.** Located in the Iowa Memorial Union, Student Legal Services provides legal counsel for registered University students. It is staffed by field placement law students, two supervising attorneys, and support staff. Law students handle the bulk of the legal work, under the supervision of attorneys who are the ultimate authority regarding legal work and administration. Frequent areas of practice are defense of criminal misdemeanors, landlord-tenant litigation, and dissolutions of marriage.
- Requirements: 18-25 hours per week, spread out over at least four days of the week, and attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the field supervisor, but students should take into consideration that court dates are in the mornings at 9:00. 7-9 academic credits will be available (5-7 credits graded pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class).

Field Placements in Judicial Chambers

1. Sixth Judicial District/Iowa City and Cedar Rapids

- Description: The Sixth Judicial District, with courthouses in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, is a busy state court that handles criminal and civil trials and motion hearings. An extern can expect to research and draft proposed orders and rulings on a wide range of matters regularly handled by general jurisdiction state court judges, from family law cases to felony murder trials to settlement conferences. The extern will have the opportunity to observe trials and hearings. Chief Judge Lars Anderson (Iowa City) and Judge Christopher Bruns (Cedar Rapids) will serve as the main supervisor contacts, but the student will likely receive projects from many of the judges in the Sixth Judicial Circuit. Depending on the extern's availability and the court's docket, the extern will likely work in both Cedar Rapids and Iowa City; the extern may also be able to travel to a rural county for a court service day. This externship is ideal for a student interested in developing knowledge of a variety of areas of law, learning Iowa law and rules of civil procedure, and gaining exposure to the members of the bar in Eastern Iowa.
- Requirements: Students must be in the top half of the class. 14-25 hours on-site per week. 6-9 credits will be available under the Field Placement Programs Policy, 4-7 credits graded pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.

~~2. Hon. Brent Appel, Iowa Supreme Court Justice/Des Moines~~

- ~~• Description: Students will perform appellate research and writing projects as directed by Justice Appel, and may attend appellate arguments at the Judicial Branch Building in Des Moines.~~
- ~~• Requirements: **Applicants must be in the top 1/3 of the class to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.~~

~~3. Hon. Thad Collins, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Iowa/Cedar Rapids~~

- ~~• Descriptions: Student will work under the supervision of the Bankruptcy Judge in the Northern District of Iowa, drafting opinions and orders, and assisting with hearings.~~
- ~~• Requirements: **Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 to apply.** First preference will be given to students who have taken both Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy (with minimum grades of 2.8 in the course). Second preference will be given to students who have completed Bankruptcy only and third preference to students with Secured Transactions only. This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days or equivalent) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days or equivalent) minimum on-site per week. On-site credits are awarded pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the related class.~~

4. Hon. Sarah Darrow, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois/Davenport

- Descriptions: Judge Darrow and her staff have offices in the federal building in Davenport, Iowa approximately one hour east of Iowa City. This externship will expose the student to a

variety of clerkship duties, particularly in the civil area, including research and drafting proposed rulings on motions, observing trials and participating in chambers conferences.

- Requirements: **Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days or equivalent) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days or equivalent) minimum on-site per week. On-Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.

5. Hon. Stephen B. Jackson, Jr., Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa/Davenport

- Description: In this externship, students will conduct research, draft opinions, coordinate trials, and participate in chambers conferences and other court-related activities. In addition to attending to pre-trial matters in cases assigned to the U.S. district judges, Judge Jackson presides over bench and jury trials which have been referred to him by the district judges, or where parties have consented to him presiding.
- Requirements: **Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.

~~6. Hon. Matthew McDermott, Iowa Supreme Court Justice/Des Moines~~

- ~~• Description: Students will perform appellate research and writing projects as directed by Justice McDermott, and may attend appellate arguments at the Judicial Branch Building in Des Moines.~~
- ~~• Requirements: **Applicants must be in the top 1/3 of the class to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.~~

~~7. Hon. Christopher McDonald, Iowa Supreme Court Justice/Des Moines~~

- ~~• Description: Students will perform appellate research and writing projects as directed by Justice McDonald, and may attend appellate arguments at the Judicial Branch Building in Des Moines.~~
- ~~• Requirements: **Applicants must be in the top 1/3 of the class to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.~~

~~8. Hon. Dana Oxley, Iowa Supreme Court Justice/Cedar Rapids~~

- ~~• Description: Students will perform appellate research and writing projects as directed by Justice Oxley, and may attend appellate arguments at the Judicial Branch Building in Des Moines.~~
- ~~• Requirements: **Applicants must be in the top 1/3 of the class to apply.** This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.~~

9. Hon. Mark Roberts, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Iowa/Cedar Rapids
- Description: In this externship students will conduct research, draft opinions, coordinate trials, and participate in chambers conferences and other court-related activities. In addition to attending to pre-trial matters in cases assigned to the U.S. district judges, Judge Roberts presides over bench and jury trials which have been referred to her by the district judges, or where parties have consented to his presiding.
 - Requirements: ~~Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 to apply.~~ This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.
10. Hon. Thomas Waterman, Iowa Supreme Court Justice/Davenport & Des Moines
- Description: This externship is located at the Scott County Courthouse in Davenport, Iowa where Justice Waterman maintains an office when the court is not in session in Des Moines. Students will perform appellate research and writing projects as directed by Justice Waterman, and may attend appellate arguments at the Judicial Branch Building in Des Moines. Students may also have the chance to observe trial proceedings at the county courthouse.
 - Requirements: ~~Applicants must be in the top 1/3 of the class to apply.~~ This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.
11. Hon. C.J. Williams, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa/Cedar Rapids
- Description: In this externship, students will draft bench memos, research memoranda, and proposed orders under the supervision of Judge Williams.
 - Requirements: ~~Students should be in the top 10% of the class.~~ This externship is available for 6 or 9 credits. For 6 credits, 14 hours (2 days) minimum on-site per week; for 9 credits, 25 hours (3 days) minimum on-site per week. Fieldwork credits are pass/fail, and externs earn two credits graded for the class.

Field Placements in Corporate Counsel Offices

1. ACT, Inc./Iowa City
- Description: ACT is a non-profit dedicated to education and workplace success. In addition to the ACT college entrance exam, ACT also has various assessments for grades K-12 and to assess workplace skills. Students participating in this academic externship experience will conduct legal research, counsel internal clients, and experience the workings of an in-house counsel office. Students may gain experience in a variety of areas of law ranging from data-privacy regulations, to intellectual property, and general corporate and transactional work both domestically and internationally.
 - Requirements: 15-20 hours minimum on-site per week, attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the field supervisor. Six to eight academic credits will be available, four to six credits pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class. To apply, submit a resume, cover letter, and list of references. The selected student will need to go through a background check/security clearance

2. Deere & Company, Global Intellectual Property Services/Moline

- Description: Deere & Company is the world's largest manufacturer of agricultural and forestry equipment and a market leader in construction and turf care equipment. The Global Intellectual Property Services group in Moline, Illinois provides supports John Deere business units in all areas of intellectual property, ranging from patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright, and open source policy. Students participating in this academic externship experience will engage in several, if not all, of the following activities: drafting and counseling on contracts with intellectual property provisions; performing patent searches; drafting legal documents such as patent applications, responses to USPTO office actions, clearance opinions, or legal memoranda; shadowing attorneys; and participating in business or legal department meetings.
- Requirements: This externship is ideal for students eligible for the patent bar. Students that are not eligible for the patent bar, but with an interest in trademark and copyright and relevant coursework, will be considered. Scheduling is somewhat flexible, but it is expected that students would arrange their classes at the law school on two or three days, and spend two or three full days in Moline. This externship is available either for 9 credits (three days per week on site) or 6 credits (two days per week on site). For 9 credits, 7 will be awarded pass/fail; for 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail. Both also require a seminar for two credits, graded.

3. The New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc./Cedar Rapids

- Description: The New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative, Inc. (NewBoCo) is a nonprofit focused on entrepreneurship, education, and innovation. NewBoCo has several programs, including the Iowa Startup Accelerator, K-12 and adult education programs, and a venture capital investment fund. More information about the organization may be found at: <https://newbo.co/>. A student in this externship will gain exposure to a wide range of general company legal issues, such as employment and contract law. In addition, work with the Startup Accelerator and the angel investor network involves educating entrepreneurs on corporation law, federal securities and investment company law. Working under the supervision of the general counsel, the extern may conduct legal research, draft and revise contracts, assist investors in conducting due diligence evaluations of potential investments, and assist with investment fund management.
- Requirements: 15 hours minimum per week, attend an associated class at the law school. Hours to be arranged with the field supervisor. Six academic credits will be available (four credits pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class). Prior coursework in Business Associations or Securities law is helpful, but not required. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter describing relevant coursework and interests. A writing sample is optional. The selected student will need to complete a background check.

4. UnityPoint Health/West Des Moines

- Description: UnityPoint Health is the nation's 13th largest nonprofit health system providing care across Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The extern will perform legal research and writing, policy review and litigation support in a wide range of health law subjects including: employee relations, patient care, intellectual property, labor law, legislative relations and others.
- Requirements: This externship is available either for 9 credits (three days per week on site)

or 6 credits (two days per week on site). For 9 credits, 7 will be awarded pass/fail; for 6 credits, 4 will be awarded pass/fail. Both also require a seminar for two credits, graded.

5. ~~Univ. of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics/Office of the Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs/Iowa City~~

- ~~• Description: The extern will be exposed to and work on legal issues of a world-class academic medical center, including transactional, risk management, patient care, informed consent, and health care reform. Work will include producing research summaries on discrete legal issues and document review. Scheduling permitting, the extern will attend meetings and have other client contact to experience methods of legal service delivery in a health care setting.~~
- ~~• Requirements: 3L or MPH/HMP joint degree students preferred. 2 days (or equivalent) minimum on-site per week, on a schedule to be coordinated with the Associate Vice President, and email contact with the office throughout the week. Six academic credits will be available, four credits graded pass/fail for the field work and two credits graded for the class.~~