ENR EXTERNSHIP COURSE AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Under the ENR Externship Program, externs will be placed with government offices, non-profit organizations, and tribal entities and will work on a variety of issues related to environmental regulations and compliance, including property mechanisms to achieve landscape conservation, energy policy, international environmental issues, tribal management of natural resources, marine and freshwater resources, land use, and climate change law and policy. Heather Brinton, ENR Managing Director, is the Faculty Supervisor of ENR externships. Information about program requirements and field placements is outlined below. To propose a new ENR field placement, please refer to www.law.uoregon.edu/academics/clinics/guidelines/ and schedule an appointment with Heather Brinton.

a. Field Experience: The field instructor will meet at least weekly with the student extern to discuss the student’s projects, progress, concerns, performance, and the externship. In addition, weekly or as necessary, the field instructor will schedule sessions to discuss the substantive laws or other substantive legal issues relevant to the projects assigned to the extern. The faculty supervisor may attend such sessions, as necessary. The field instructor will submit to the faculty supervisor and the student extern an electronic or written review of the extern’s work in the middle and at the end of the semester. Throughout the externship, the faculty supervisor will regularly communicate with the field instructor to ensure that these requirements are met.

b. Course Component: Contemporaneous with the fieldwork, externs will participate in a course component titled Environmental Legal Profession and Practice. For this component of the externship, externs will meet four times a semester for approximately one and a half hours. Students externing at remote locations may attend the course through video or teleconferencing technology.

c. Writing Requirement: The extern will be expected to keep a daily log of all work performed and a weekly journal describing in detail the assignments received, the issues encountered, and the tasks performed. The field instructor and faculty supervisor shall review all written extern material. At the end of the semester, externs must submit to the field supervisor and faculty supervisor a five-page double-spaced paper of approximately 2,500 words reflecting on the externship experience. In addition, for a full-time, 12-credit externship the student must, at the end of the semester, submit a major paper or similar work product as determined by the faculty and field supervisor. All written materials are subject to client confidentiality requirements.

Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (ELAW)
The externship field supervisor is Jennifer Gleason. Part-time externs will work 12 hours per week for ELAW and receive 3 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the fall and spring semesters, full-time externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 10 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the summer term, full-time externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

Student externs will assist the Staff Attorney in responding to requests for assistance from overseas advocates. These requests generate both short and long-term projects. Projects may include explaining U.S. Statutes and regulations; researching U.S. case precedents; evaluating legal doctrines and theories; and obtaining information about the environmental compliance of corporations. Externs prepare memoranda to send to overseas colleagues and communicate directly with these lawyers. By explaining U.S. law and cases to lawyers in other countries who are often unfamiliar with our legal system, students improve their research and writing skills.

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To apply, applicants must submit an ELAW externship questionnaire (available in the Bowerman Center for Environmental Law) and a resume to the field supervisor (Jennifer Gleason, jen@elaw.org) and the faculty supervisor (Heather Brinton, hbrinton@uoregon.edu). For fall semester externships, applications are due within five business days after the last scheduled exam of the previous spring term. For spring semester externships, applications are due within five business days after the last scheduled final of the previous fall term. For summer term, applications are due by the end of February.

**United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region**

In the field, the externships will be administered by Brad Grenham, an attorney with the Pacific Northwest Region of the Solicitor’s Office. During the fall and spring semesters, externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 10 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the summer term, externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

The student extern will experience a variety of legal roles in a large federal agency; she or he will be expected to perform legal research and writing, and to provide advice and litigation support to client offices. The purpose of these experiences is to provide the student not only a high level of substantive knowledge gained from detailed application of statutes and regulations, but also to expose him or her to the duties and obligations of a government attorney, including ethical responsibilities.

For the summer term, a student must complete the application process for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region Summer Law Clerk Program. For fall and spring semester, students must, after consultation with the faculty supervisor, apply 10 weeks prior to the start of the term. To apply, applicants typically must submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, information on class rank, and a short writing sample. Applicants also must indicate their preferences regarding placement in the (1) Land and Water; (2) Indian Law, Parks and General Law; or (3) Wildlife and Aquatic Resource practice areas.

**Western Environmental Law Clinic (WELC)**

Jan Wilson, staff attorney at WELC, will serve as the field instructor. Available during the summer term, externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

Student extern will work closely with the field instructor on all aspects of the key cases: researching applicable environmental or land use laws; developing, coordinating, and presenting oral and written testimony; preparing and filing appeals; writing and editing appeals documents and briefs; observing and participating in oral argument at the local, state and federal levels; observing and participating in any settlement negotiations between parties; and interacting with client groups and technical experts (scientific and other consultants) via email and in person. The student extern will also participate in relevant internal meetings of WELC staff, in order to be exposed to the administrative workings and decision-making processes of a public interest law firm.

To apply, applicants must submit: a cover letter, resume, transcripts (include fall semester grades and a list of spring semester courses being taken), a short writing sample (no more than five pages), and a list of three references to the field supervisor (Jan Wilson, wilson@westernlaw.org) and the faculty supervisor (Heather Brinton, hbrinton@uoregon.edu) electronically by March 16th.

**Oregon Attorney General’s Office**

The externship field supervisor is Special Counsel to the Attorney General Brent Foster. The externship may be part or full-time depending upon the semester and the needs of the Special Counsel and his staff.

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During the fall and spring semesters, the externship will be part-time. Part-time externs will work 12 hours per week for the Office of the Attorney General and receive 3 hours of pass/no pass credit or 24 hours per week for 6 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the summer term, part-time externs will work 21 hours per week and receive 3 pass/no pass credits. Full-time externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

The extern will work closely with Special Counsel Brent Foster who is charged with overseeing the Department of Justice's enhanced environmental enforcement efforts. The extern will also work closely with Department of Justice case attorneys and a new, soon-to-be-hired civil and criminal environmental enforcement attorneys. Externship work will include drafting legal pleadings, conducting legal research, helping attorneys to develop legal strategy, and participating in enforcement cases affecting Oregon's air, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. Externs will also help develop policies regarding the DOJ'S civil and potentially criminal enforcement. During legislative sessions, students may also review and analyze legislative bills and policy issues related to those bills.

To apply, a student should submit a one-page cover letter and resume to Special Counsel Brent Foster at brent.foster@doj.state.or.us and the faculty supervisor (Heather Brinton, hbrinton@uoregon.edu). The cover letter should explain why the student is interested in and qualified for this externship. Together, the resume and cover letter should include any relevant environmental course history and the applicant’s GPA. The cover letter should also indicate whether the student is seeking a full or part-time externship and their preference for working from Salem or Portland. The subject line of the email should be formatted with the applicant’s name to read “Externship.firstname.lastname.” For summer term, the application deadline is rolling.

**United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor**

In the field, the externships will be administered by Adell Amos, the Deputy Solicitor for Land and Water and a faculty member currently on leave from the University of Oregon School. During the fall and spring semesters, externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 10 hours of pass/no pass credit or, with the approval and completion of a major paper or similar work product, 12 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the summer term, externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

With this diverse work-load and the demand of extensive litigation and program counseling, the Office is continually looking for talented, dedicated law students with an interest in gaining practical experience complex civil litigation and in advising agencies on the legal aspects of their mission. Our legal interns will be called upon to conduct legal research on a variety of environmental and administrative law issues, as well as on issues involving Indian law. Students typically draft legal memoranda, briefs and motions, and assist with written discovery in active federal cases. Students may participate in conference calls and strategy sessions with other agency counsel, including Justice Department lawyers. There may be additional opportunities to attend hearings and meetings in the Washington, D.C. area, as appropriate.

To apply, a student must complete the application process for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Law Student Volunteer Internship Program, after consultation with the faculty supervisor. Typically, applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, information on class rank, a student volunteer application form, and a short writing sample. For fall semester, students must apply by March 31st. For spring semester, students must apply by October 31st of the proceeding year. For the summer term, students must apply by January 31st.

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City Attorney’s Office, City of Eugene

The externship field supervisor is Eugene City Attorney Glenn Klein. The externship may be part or full-time depending upon the term and the needs of the City Attorney and his staff. During the fall and spring semesters, the externship will be part-time. Part-time externs will work 12 hours per week and receive 3 hours of pass/no pass credit or 24 hours per week for 6 hours of pass/no pass credit. During the summer term, part-time externs will work 21 hours per work and receive 3 pass/no pass credits. Full-time externs will work 40 hours per week and receive 6 hours of pass/no pass credit.

The City Attorney is the primary legal advisor for the City of Eugene, elected officials, its staff, and its departments. The extern will research issues focused primarily in the environmental and land use law issues. For the first half of 2010, there are a number of significant environmental and land use issues the City Attorney’s Office will be working on, including (a) negotiations with DEQ over a new city-wide storm water permit under the Clean Water Act, (b) work on city-wide land use issues such as possible expansion of the city’s urban growth boundaries, and (c) development and implementation programs relating to sustainable practices and sustainable development. It is anticipated that the extern would research these (and similar) issues, prepare legal memoranda, participate in meetings with city staff when these issues are discussed, and attend meetings of the City Council, Sustainability Commission, and Planning Commission when the issues are on the agenda.

To apply, applicants must submit a cover letter and resume to the field supervisor (Glenn Klein, Glenn.Klein@ci.eugene.or.us) and the faculty supervisor (Heather Brinton, hbrinton@uoregon.edu). For summer term, the application deadline is Friday, April 2nd.