



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

65 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Overview of Department Assignments for Legal Externs Summer and Fall 2025

CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES

The majority of the extern's time will be spent researching, writing, and analyzing legal issues. This may involve the preparation of draft opinions, bench memos and memos discussing discretionary appeals and complaints for writs, speeches, or individualized research projects. The extern will be assigned to a judicial attorney and will have their work reviewed by that attorney. Externs will also be able to observe oral arguments on the merits of cases when the Court is in session.

CHIEF JUSTICE SHARON L. KENNEDY

- Contact: Bud Barnes
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 4

Flexible, can work with student's schedule.

Typically, 8 hours per week.

Students will assist with legal research, case memos, etc. The ideal extern is a 2L or 3L.

Preference for onsite but will accept remote.

JUSTICE PATRICK F. FISCHER

- Contact: Kylie Conley/Christine Hahn
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 2-3

Flexible, can work with student's schedule.

Typically, 8-20 hours per week.

The ideal extern is a 2L or 3L with exceptional writing skills.

JUSTICE R. PATRICK DEWINE

- Contact: Audra Robitaille, Esq.
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 2-3

Flexible, can work with student's schedule.

Typically, 8-10 hours per week.

Externs will begin by writing jurisdictional memos for Justice DeWine's review. Possible other assignments include case research, research issues of state constitutional law, and bench memoranda.

The ideal extern is a 2L or 3L with exceptional legal writing skills.

JUSTICE JENNIFER BRUNNER

- Contact: Kara Wells
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 2-3

Typically, 8-10 hours per week.

Law student externs would be engaged in legal research and some drafting for Justice and judicial attorneys; assist Justice's assistant with docketing and assignment responsibilities as needed; attend oral arguments and undertake other responsibilities as assigned to assist office with meeting needs of court and public.

Primarily working remotely with the occasional onsite opportunities.

JUSTICE JOSEPH T. DETERS

- Contact: Mary Stier
- Openings for Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 1

Flexible, can work with student's schedule.

Review and analyze arguments presented in pending batch and court conference matters, conduct research as needed and provide timely written analysis of their case recommendation to senior staff for review with Justice Deters; perform other court related duties as needed. The ideal extern is a 3L

Position is Onsite, with some flexibility.

JUSTICE DANIEL R. HAWKINS

- Contact: Jill Whittier/ Erin Porta
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 1

Flexible hours, can work with student's schedule.

Students will assist with legal research, case memos, etc.

Position will be onsite.

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION

- Contact: Marya Kolman
- Openings for Summer and Fall 2025
- Number of positions: 2

Flexible, can work with student's schedule.

Externs will research and draft memos on legal issues related to our mediations, programs, and training materials, communicate with courts about their dispute resolution programs, observe mediations and meetings, participate in mediation training programs, and other projects of interest to the extern.

The ideal extern is a law student with some experience or specified interest in dispute resolution.

Ability to work on site or remote.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES SECTION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

- Contact: Anne Murray
- Opening for Summer 2025
- Number of positions: 1

The extern will be expected to work 10-15 hours per week.

The extern will perform legal research and writing on domestic violence related law and assistance with publication reviews and updates (such as best practices recognizing and responding to lethality factors, strangulation cases, crime victim rights case, etc.)

The ideal extern is a 2L or 3L and has interest in family or domestic violence law, but not required.

Ability to work on site or remote.

*If you are interested in one or more of the positions available, email your resume and cover letter to HumanResources@sc.ohio.gov by **February 21, 2025**. Be sure to include a cover letter, indicate the office you are interested in, and the level of law school you have completed.*

Background Check

The final candidate selected for the position will be required to undergo a pre-employment drug screening and a criminal background check. Criminal convictions do not necessarily preclude an applicant from consideration for a position. An individual assessment of an applicant's prior criminal convictions will be made before excluding an applicant from consideration