

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
APPROVED INTERNSHIP FIELD PLACEMENTS**

(As of October 28, 2008)

Eligible students can intern for academic credit with any of the field placements listed below, all of which have been approved by the Faculty and/or Director of Clinical Education. If you would like to intern with a field placement that is not listed below, contact Prof. David Moss (david.moss@wayne.edu) as soon as possible to begin the approval process. Internships with private law firms or for-profit entities will not be approved.

CIVIL LAW INTERNSHIP (LEX 8501)

American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. Interns research and analyze constitutional and civil liberties issues and draft pleadings, briefs and materials for hearings and trials. (Constitutional Law I is a prerequisite course for this internship.)

Website: www.aclumich.org

Field Supervisor: Michael Steinberg, 313-578-6814, msteinberg@aclumich.org

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Office of General Counsel. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is a nonprofit corporation committed to making medical and dental insurance available to all. The Office of General Counsel handles the broad range of issues that are addressed by in-house counsel at any large corporation (e.g. labor and employment law, real property law), as well as issues specific to the health insurance industry.

Website: www.bcbsm.com

Field Supervisor: Frank Jackson, 313-225-0802, fjackson@bcbsm.com

City Attorney's Office of Lincoln Park. Interns assist with drafting and revision of ordinances; coordinating local "live-ability" court days for nuisance abatement and blight control; local court prosecution; assist chiefs of police and fire and other department heads in coordinating general legal issues for local government; promote the "new urbanism" agenda with other agencies; and assist in general litigation.

Website: <http://lincolnpark.govoffice.com>

Field Supervisor: Ed Zelenak, 313-386-6400, zband@comcast.net

City of Detroit, Human Rights Department.

Website:

www.ci.detroit.mi.us/Departments/HumanRights/tabid/613/Default.aspx

Field Supervisor: Gwendolyn Cook-Jones, 313-224-9507, jonesgc@itsd.ci.detroit.mi.us

City of Detroit Law Department.

Website:

www.ci.detroit.mi.us/Departments/LawDepartment/tabid/122/Default.aspx

Field Supervisor: Jerry Ashford, 313-237-3089, ashfj@law.detroit.mi.us

Kay Schloff, 313-237-3063, schl@law.ci.detroit.mi.us

June Adams, 313-237-0540, adamj@law.ci.detroit.mi.us

Dennis Mazurek, 313-237-3007, mazud@law.ci.detroit.mi.us

Community Immigration Legal Services, Archdiocese of Detroit. Interns assist with legal research and writing and representation in immigration matters, such as deportation and removal proceedings, naturalization, asylum applications, family based petitions, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-based applications, and religious worker processing. Additionally, students have the opportunity to gain experience by participating in client outreach and community education opportunities. (Immigration and Nationality Law is a pre- or co-requisite course for this internship. Bilingual ability is helpful, but not required.)

Website:

www.aodonline.org/AODOnline/Offices+and+Ministries+12009/Parish+Life+and+Services+12112/Immigration+++Legal+Services+5899/Immigration+Legal+Services+-+Information.htm

Field Supervisor: Viviana Lande, 313-843-1878, lande.viviana@aod.org

Community Legal Resources. Community Legal Resources (CLR) matches nonprofit organizations with pro bono attorneys, and engages in education and policy advocacy activities on behalf of its nonprofit client organizations. Interns assist with client interviews and placement of matters with volunteer attorneys. Interns also engage in research and writing on issues relating to community development such as land use, preservation of affordable housing, and performance of nonprofit community development corporations.

Website: www.clronline.org

Field Supervisor: Sarida Scott, 313-962-3171, sscott@michiganlegal.org

Detroit Medical Center. Interns assist in a wide range of corporate and health law matters, including physician contracting, insurer payments, affiliation agreements, Medicare and Medicaid issues, labor and employment issues and real estate issues. (Completion of two years of law school is required for this internship.)

Website: www.dmc.org

Field Supervisor: Donna O'Connor, 313-966-2080, doconno3@dmc.org

Elder Law & Advocacy Center, Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.

Field Supervisor: Erma Yarbrough-Thomas, ethomas@wcnls.org, 313-937-8291

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Interns assist with research, investigation, evaluation, and trial of employment discrimination matters. (Employment Discrimination Law is recommended but not required.)

Website: www.eeoc.gov/detroit/index.html

Field Supervisor: Gail Cober, 313-226-3347, gail.cober@eeoc.gov

Freedom House. Interns assist refugees in asylum proceedings.

Website: www.freedomhousedetroit.org

Field Supervisor: Merylyn Onisko, 313-964-4320, monisko@freedomhousedetroit.org

Highland Park City Attorney. Interns perform legal research and writing and other tasks to assist the City Attorney in litigation and non-litigation matters, such as code enforcement cases, civil suits, nuisance abatement and quality of life enforcement, illegal dumping, abandoned housing and the like. Interns also draft ordinances and gain experience in the unique context of a community operating under an Emergency Financial Manager.

Website: <http://cityofhighlandpark.us/>

Field Supervisor: William McConico, 313-252-0050 x 232, bmccconico@sbcglobal.net

Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel. Interns assist in tax litigation matters, including determining and collecting tax liabilities, writing advisory opinions, participating in conferences with taxpayers, and preparing small tax cases for trial in the U.S. Tax Court. (Taxation is a prerequisite for this internship. Corporate Taxation and International Taxation are recommended but not required. Interns are expected to work at least 15-20 hours per week.)

Website: www.ustreas.gov/offices/general-counsel/chief-counsel/irs.shtml

To apply, contact: Prof. Alan Schenk, 313-577-3946, schenk@wayne.edu

Field Supervisor: Meso Hammoud

International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. Interns will do legal research, conduct interviews, prepare contact letters, immigration forms, motions, and the like to assist individuals and families in need of immigration legal assistance. In some cases, interns will prepare full written assessments and evaluations.

Website: www.iimd.org

Field Supervisor: Edward Shomo, 313-871-8600 x 233, buck@iimd.org

Lakeshore Legal Aid's Counsel & Advocacy Law Line (CALL). CALL is a legal aid hotline, serving Michigan's poverty and senior populations by providing legal advice and brief legal assistance in a variety of civil law areas, including family, housing, public benefits, consumer, and elder law. Interns conduct legal research, review documents, draft pleadings, assist in the development of client-related pro se materials, research grants, and conduct follow-up calls with clients, opposing parties and counsel, and other agencies that may be of assistance.

Website: www.lakeshorelegalaid.org/phone-intake.php

Filed Supervisor: Beth Contorer, 248-443-8068 x 230, bcontorer@gmail.com

Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA), Civil Law Group. Interns (depending on their placement) will have the opportunity to be engaged in all aspects of case handling and client service, including advice and counsel, drafting documents and pleadings, negotiations, motion and trial preparation, and court representation.

Website: www.ladadetroit.org/civil_law1.htm

Field Supervisor: Michele Hall-Edwards, 313-967-5555, mhall@ladadetroit.org

Lyn Yeager, 313-967-5555, lyeager@ladadetroit.org

Legal Aid and Defender Association of Detroit, Juvenile Law Group

Website: www.ladadetroit.org/juvenile_law.htm

Field Supervisor: Regina Daniels Thomas, 313-967-5555, rthomas@ladadetroit.org

Legal Services of South Central Michigan. Interns appear in court, conduct court hearings, interview and assess clients for case representation, and perform substantial legal research and pleading preparation.

Website: www.lsscm.org

Field Supervisor: Angela Tripp, 517-394-3121, trippa@umich.edu (Lansing)

Paul Sher, 734-665-6181, psher@umich.edu (Ann Arbor)

Legislative Auditor/Counsel to Pontiac City Council. Interns will assist in representing the City Council as legal counsel, drafting legal opinions on matters coming before the City Council, reviewing and analyzing budgets, and drafting resolutions, ordinances and charter amendments.

Website: www.pontiac.mi.us/council/index.html

Field Supervisor: Ericka Savage, 248-758-3210, esavage@pontiac.mi.us

Michigan Attorney General.

Website: www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-19441---,00.html

Charitable Trust Section (Lansing).

Field Supervisor: Tracy Sonneborn, 517-335-0855, sonnebornt@michigan.gov

Children & Youth Services Division. Students assist in representing the Wayne County Family Independence Agency in child protection matters before the Third Judicial Circuit Court, Family Div., and related appeals. Students research and write appellate briefs relating to the termination of parental rights as well as assisting attorneys with trial preparation.

Field Supervisor: Rebekah Visconti, 313-833-3777, viscontir@michigan.gov

Consumer Protection Division (Lansing). Students assist in research and investigations as well as civil administrative and judicial enforcement activities involving unfair, deceptive and fraudulent acts, methods and practices occurring through or relating to the Internet.

Field Supervisor: Kathy Fitzgerald, 517-335-0855, fitzgeraldk@michigan.gov

Detroit Office. Students assist with research and writing and in-court representation in various divisions of the State Attorney General, including worker's compensation, highway negligence, civil rights and civil liberties, debt collection, organized crime, labor, licensing and regulation, driver license restoration, children and youth services, unemployment, and liquor control.

Field Supervisor: Ron Robinson, 313-456-0240, robinsonrd@michigan.gov

Licensing & Regulation Division.

Field Supervisor: Thomas Scallen, 313-456-0104, scallent@michigan.gov

Revenue & Collections Division. Students assist in research, conduct creditors examinations, draft motions, briefs and correspondence and may appear in Court.

Field Supervisor: Peggy Housner, 313-456-0140, housnerp@michigan.gov

Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission. Interns assist in the investigation and prosecution of attorney misconduct matters. (Evidence and Professional Responsibility are recommended but not required.)

Website: www.agcmi.com

Field Supervisor: Stephen Vella, 313-961-6585, spvella@agcmi.com

Michigan Bureau of Employment Relations. This state administrative agency, the administrative arm for the three-member Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC), is part of the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) and administers statutes that primarily regulate collective bargaining relationships between public sector employers (e.g. municipalities, school districts, police and fire departments) and unions. Students assist in the preparation of summaries of Commission, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court decisions on appeal from MERC decisions; in the drafting of Commission and/or Administrative Law Judge decisions; compiling case records for transmittal to the Court of Appeals. (Labor Law is a prerequisite for this internship.)

Website: www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-10576_17485-42418--,00.html

Field Supervisor: Ruthanne Okun, 313-456-3519, rokun@michigan.gov

Michigan Children’s Law Center (MCLC). MCLC is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that represents children who have been abused and neglected and children who have been charged with delinquent behavior. MCLC also deals with systemic problems that impact larger youth populations, seeking creative solutions that address these broader problems. Interns will engage in the following activities: fact investigation, client interviews, case preparation, assistance with appeals, research involving systemic issues, and other related matters.

Field Supervisor: Fred Gruber, 734-281-1900, fhgruber@sbcglobal.net

Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR), Office of Legal Affairs. Interns assist MDCR attorneys and the Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) in preparation of legal documents, interviewing witnesses and claimants, and in other work related to cases for which a discrimination charge has been or will be issued. Interns may also assist at public hearings before MDCR Hearing Referees and/or during oral arguments before the MCRC.

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-42240_42254---,00.html

Field Supervisor: Sylvia Elliott, 313-456-3795, elliotts@michigan.gov
Ann Warner, 313-456-3793, warnerwa@michigan.gov

Michigan Legal Services. Interns assist in public interest litigation and legislative advocacy on behalf of low income families, children and individuals in income assistance, physical and mental health, housing, and institutional care, as well as transactional matters, including corporate, tax, finance, and real estate law, designed to improve Detroit’s neighborhoods.

Website: www.milegalservices.org

Field Supervisor: Marilyn Mullane, 313-964-4130, mmullane@michiganlegal.org

Michigan State University Office of General Counsel. Interns will assist in the area of civil rights and employment law, among other subject areas, with legal research and preparation of memoranda of law and, where appropriate, with drafting legal briefs, internal grievance documents and other legal papers.

Field Supervisor: Kristine Zayko, 517-353-1726, zayko@msu.edu

National Labor Relations Board. Interns may assist in conducting representation elections or securing election agreements, investigating unfair labor practice cases, preparing legal research and reports, and drafting post-trial briefs to administrative law judges. (Labor Law is a prerequisite for this internship.)

Website: www.nlr.gov

Field Supervisor: Erikson Karmol, 313-226-3202, erikson.karmol@nlrb.gov

National Wildlife Federation, Great Lakes Natural Resources Center. The Center’s work ranges from federal litigation to stop water pollution to advocacy on behalf of endangered species. Interns may visit government officials, analyze and draft testimony on proposed legislation, research the law, draft comments on permit proposals, write an appellate brief, participate in rule-making, or help negotiate a settlement.

Website: www.nwf.org/about/resourcecenters.cfm

Field Supervisor: Neil Kagan, 734-887-7106, kagan@nwf.org

Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. Interns assist in the Business Practices office with the implementation and coordination of OHI’s corporate compliance program.

Website: www.oakwood.org

Field Supervisor: Jon Horenstein, 313-791-4762, horenstj@oakwood.org

Sugar Law Center. Interns assist in trial and appeal of cases involving issues of environmental justice, plant closings, and corporate accountability for tax subsidies. Interns also assist in public policy and advocacy projects in these areas.

Website: www.sugarlaw.org

Field Supervisor: John Philo, Legal Director, 313-962-6540, jphilo@sugarlaw.org

Triangle Foundation. The Triangle Foundation is a nonprofit advocacy organization serving Michigan's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities. Interns will conduct legal research, attend workshops and conferences on legal issues affecting the GLBT community, conduct client interviews, accompany clients to court, and draft legal documents.

Website: www.tri.org

Field Supervisor: Melissa Pope, 313-909-3634, melissa@tri.org

United for Equality & Affirmative Action Legal Defense Fund.

Website: www.ueaa.net/index.htm

Field Supervisor: Shanta Driver, 313-963-1921, shantadriver@gmail.com

U.S. Attorney's Office, Civil Division. Interns assist Civil Division attorneys with legal research and writing of legal memoranda, motions, and briefs. As opportunities arise, they also observe court hearings and trials, attend civil depositions, and assist in trial preparation. To be eligible for an intern position, a student must carry a minimum GPA of 3.0. Acceptance is conditioned upon the student's passing of an FBI security clearance.

Website: www.usdoj.gov/usao/mie/divisions/civil.html

Field Supervisor: Susan DeClercq, 313-226-9149, susan.declercq@usdoj.gov
William Woodard, 313-226-9786, william.woodard@usdoj.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs & Border Protection. Interns assist in referrals to the U.S. Attorney on civil forfeiture relating to the customs service.

Website: www.cbp.gov

Field Supervisor: Frederick B. Smith, 313-496-2290, frederick.b.smith@dhs.gov

University of Michigan Health Systems Legal Office. Interns assist in a wide variety of legal issues in the health care area, including: Medicare and Medicaid, hospital liability, allocation of scarce resources, and the Human Genome Project.

Website: www.ogc.umich.edu/healthsystems_office.html

Field Supervisor: Ed Goldman, 734-764-2178, egoldman@umich.edu

Wayne County Corporation Counsel. Students draft motions and briefs and assist in trials of civil matters involving the county, including civil rights and wrongful death. (Evidence is recommended but not required.)

Website: www.co.wayne.mi.us/about/dept_corpCounsel.htm

Field Supervisor: Marianne Talon, 313-224-1987, mtalon@co.wayne.mi.us
Jacob Ghannam, 313-224-6671, jghannam@co.wayne.mi.us

To apply, contact: Kelli Barg, 313-224-6119, kbarg@co.wayne.mi.us

William Booth Legal Aid Clinic. Students assist in providing legal services in the areas of family, criminal, probate, landlord/tenant and tax law for people in the Center's alcoholism and substance abuse rehabilitation program.

Field Supervisor: Robert Dickman, 313-361-6340, wblac@aol.com

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNSHIP (LEX 8504)

Legal Aid & Defender Association of Detroit, Federal Defender Office. Interns assist in all aspects of representing clients at the trial and appellate stages of federal criminal cases, including interviewing incarcerated clients, investigating, researching, writing, observing and participating in court proceedings consistent with the student practice rule. Interns may also brief recent Sixth Circuit cases for the Federal Defender newsletter.

Website: www.ladadetroit.org/federal_defender.htm

Field Supervisor: Miriam Siefer, 313-967-5868, miriam_siefer@fd.org

Legal Aid and Defender Association of Detroit, Juvenile Law Group

Website: www.ladadetroit.org/juvenile_law.htm

Field Supervisor: Regina Daniels Thomas, 313-967-5555, rthomas@ladadetroit.org

Legal Aid and Defender Association of Detroit, State Defender Office

Website: www.ladadetroit.org/state_defense.htm

Field Supervisor: Donald Johnson, 313-967-5555, djohnson@ladadetroit.org

State Appellate Defender Office. Interns assist in the representation of indigent defendants on appeals of right from felony convictions.

Website: www.sado.org

Field Supervisor: Jonathan Sacks, 313-256-9833, jsacks@sado.org

Washtenaw County Public Defender. Students assist in all aspects of trials of felony, misdemeanor, juvenile, and some civil cases, including investigating, client and witness interviewing, research and writing, arguing motions, and conducting hearings.

Website: www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_defender/

Field Supervisor: Timothy Niemann, 734-222-6968, niemannt@ewashtenaw.org

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Students must be willing to work at least 16 hours per week (2 full days per week), and for at least 12 weeks in the spring/summer term. (Criminal Procedure I or II and Evidence are prerequisites for this internship.)

Website: www.waynecounty.com/prosecutor

Contact: Nicole Scott, 313-224-5780, nscott@co.wayne.mi.us

Appellate Division:

Students will research and write appellate briefs on direct appeal as well as motions for relief from judgment on collateral attack. There may be some opportunity for court appearances on evidentiary hearings and motions for relief.

Child Abuse Unit:

Interns assist in all aspects of the prosecution of cases involving child abuse. This includes interviewing witnesses, research and writing motions, handling arraignments and court hearings.

Domestic Violence Unit:

Interns assist in all aspects of the prosecution of cases involving domestic violence. This includes interviewing witnesses, research and writing motions, handling arraignments and court hearings.

Forfeiture Unit:

Interns will assist in vehicle seizure and forfeiture including drafting complaints, issuing subpoenas, preparing motions, and accompanying prosecutors on court appearances.

Homicide Unit:

Interns assist in all aspects of the prosecution of cases involving special assignment homicides. This includes interviewing witnesses, research and writing motions, handling arraignments and court hearings.

Screening Division:

Interns will have the opportunity to attend court with an experienced prosecutor and assist in preparing and conducting preliminary examinations. Must be able to work mornings. Preference will be given to students who can work two consecutive days.

Trial Division:

Students will assist in all aspects of trial preparation from interviewing witnesses and issuing subpoenas to plea-bargaining, guilty pleas, pre-trial motions, felony trials, and sentencing in the Wayne County Circuit Court. Students may be assigned to one of the vertical prosecution units listed below.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP (LEX 8502)**Hon. David Allen, Wayne County Circuit Court**

Field Supervisor: Hon. David Allen, 313-224-4664, detroitallen@yahoo.com

Hon. Ulysses W. Boykin, Wayne County Circuit Court

Field Supervisor: Hon. Ulysses W. Boykin, 313-224-2275, Ulysses.boykin@3rdcc.org

Hon. Robert Cleland, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: John Fedynsky, 313-234-5525, john_fedynsky@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Avern Cohn, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Kimberly Altman, 313-234-5163, kimberly_altman@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Julian Abele Cook, Jr., U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Brandon Miller, 313-234-5198, Brandon_miller@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Maura Corrigan, Michigan Supreme Court (Detroit)

Field Supervisor: Merrill Hodnefield, 313-972-3235, hodnefieldm@courts.mi.gov

Hon. Sean Cox, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Jennifer Newby, 313-234-2654, jennifer_newby@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Nancy Edmunds, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Theresa Serra, 313-234-5158, theresa_serra@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Bernard Friedman, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Stephen Thoburn, 313-234-5170, stephen_thoburn@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Marilyn Kelly, Michigan Supreme Court (Detroit)

Contact: Patricia Griebe, 313-972-3222, griebep@courts.mi.gov

Hon. Paul Komives, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Christina Farinola, 313-234-5200, christina_farinola@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Fred Mester, Oakland County Circuit Court

Contact: Francie Snyder, 248-858-0355, snyderf@oakgov.org

Hon. Melinda Morris, Washtenaw County Circuit Court

Field Supervisor: Louise-Annette Marcotty, 734-222-3069, marcottl@ewashtenaw.org

Hon. Gerald Rosen, U.S. District Court, E.D. Michigan

Field Supervisor: Linda Hylenski, 313-234-5138, linda_hylenski@mied.uscourts.gov

Hon. Walter Shapero, U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Contact: Barbara Bailey, 313-234-0042, Barbara_bailey@mieb.uscourts.gov

Hon. Edward Sosnick, Oakland County Circuit Court

Field Supervisor: Hon. Edward Sosnick, 248-858-0340, sosnicke@oakgov.org

State Office of Administrative Hearings (Detroit)

Field Supervisor: Hon. Gregory Holiday, 313-456-3684, holidayg@michigan.gov

Hon. Frank Szymanski, Wayne County Juvenile Court

Contact: Patricia Mitchell, 313-833-0662, patricia.mitchell@3rdcc.org

Hon. Michael Warren, Oakland County Circuit Court

Field Supervisor: Hon. Michael Warren, 248-975-4250, warrenm@oakgov.com

Hon. Robert Young, Michigan Supreme Court (Detroit)

Field Supervisor: Tamara York, 313-972-3250, yorkt@courts.mi.gov

Hon. Carole Youngblood, Wayne County Circuit Court

Contact: Janet Wolters, 313-224-0391, wolters.janet@3rdcc.org