Mississippi Attorney General's Office Legal Intern Program

Description

The Mississippi Attorney General's Office ("AGO") has an extensive summer law internship program. We offer opportunities for those who want to be exposed to meaningful work, learn the practice areas of government attorneys, and give back to the State of Mississippi. You will have tangible responsibilities, which will give you "real world" legal exposure. Summer internships can be paid positions or for class credit, and we have two six-week summer sessions for our interns.

The first session is May 17-June 25. The second session is July 6-August 13; however, the office is able to work with students who may need to adjust dates, including for longer periods. Interns work 40 hours a week Monday through Friday.

The responsibilities will often mirror those of our special assistant attorneys general ("SAAG"), with some exceptions. Working closely with a specific Division within the AGO will allow you to truly experience the professional rigors of serving as a SAAG. This will afford you the opportunity to learn and grow with us, while providing the best service to Mississippi citizens.

While your supervising attorney will be an arm's length away, you will be empowered to carry out legal tasks, such as drafting and research, independently. You will also be invited to attend all local hearings, trials, and meetings when appropriate so that you gain courtroom experience.

This experience may direct you further into the areas of law in which you will want to practice, or just as importantly, may steer you into another legal arena. Due to the nature of our office, we are involved in a wide array of legal matters and topics, which will provide you the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of areas of law. The internship program is not a rotational one, however. You will generally work in one division for the session and gain valuable insight into the day-to-day operations. Regardless of the area of law, you will receive support, guidance, and experience that cannot be matched.

Qualifications

Legal interns should have excellent legal research and writing abilities, strong communication and team skills, a great work ethic, and a good attitude. A 3.0 or higher GPA is preferred. Candidates should have successfully completed at least a full year of law school before beginning their internship.

Application Materials

To apply, interested law students must submit a cover letter, a resume, and the latest available transcript. Writing samples are also appreciated.