

Following is a sample of an approved externship application, except for the student's résumé and transcript, which may be used as an example.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF LAW**

Application for Approval of Free Standing Externship

This form and all required attachments should be filed with the Office of Registration & Enrollment no later than the preceding April 15 for externships proposed for the Summer Term or Fall Term and by the preceding November 1 for externships proposed for the Spring Term. Applications will be reviewed promptly by the Subcommittee on Externships of the Curriculum Committee.

Student Name: *Shikha Uppal*

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Prospective Student Status During Proposed Externship: 2L / 3L / 4L

Semester of Proposed Externship: *Fall 2006*

Faculty Supervisor: *Tom Perez*

Proposed Externship Work Hours per Week: *16 hours*

Law School Credits Requested: *5-6*

Name of Sponsoring Organization: *Institute for Justice*

website: *www.ij.org*

Describe briefly the work of the Sponsoring Organization and the work that you will do in connection with this externship:

The Institute for Justice is a public interest non-profit organization that litigates for individuals' rights in areas such as private property rights, economic liberties, school choice rights, right to free speech, and other areas as well. It has been involved in many high-profile cases, such as Kelo v. City of New London. Clerks assist with legal research, brief writing, client interviewing, drafting affidavits, and op-ed writing, among other responsibilities. In addition to working for the Institute for Justice, I will complete supplemental readings under the direction of Tom Perez that will expand my understanding of civil rights in the above mentioned contexts.

Program Director at Placement: *Valerie Bayham*

email address: *vbayham@ij.org*

Direct Supervisor at Placement: *Valerie Bayham or Dave Roland*

email address: *vbayham@ij.org, droland@ij.org*

Law School Courses Taken in Preparation for Externship:

Constitutional Law I: Governance

Constitutional Law II: Individual Rights

Clinic/LAWR II Course on Constitutional and Civil Rights

Total Non-Graded Law School Credits (as of end of semester before placement):

10: 7 of which are from American University Washington College of Law, 3 of which are from a UMBC graduate level history course

Describe briefly why this externship offers a unique learning opportunity that cannot be otherwise be satisfied under the law school curriculum and how this opportunity fits with your overall law school career and goals:

This externship provides a unique learning opportunity because of the experience it will provide in the "real world" of litigating for individual liberties. While the law school provides classes dealing with these issues, this externship would give me the perspective of the attorneys who fight for these rights and the strategy and methods that go into shaping the cases that we read about in class. Ever since college, I have been particularly interested in constitutional law and civil rights, and have always involved myself in classes that teach about these subjects. I have always wanted to work in a legal organization that litigates for civil rights, and this externship would prepare me very well for the career in civil rights that I hope and plan to pursue after law school.

Attach (1) a copy of the letter or other communication offering you this position, (2) a description of the externship program at the sponsoring organization, (3) a copy of the resume of the director of the externship program at the sponsoring organization and the attorney that will be your immediate supervisor, (4) a copy of your resume and law school transcript, and (5) a copy of the tutorial plan and reading list approved and signed by your faculty supervisor. The description of the externship program should be prepared by the sponsoring organization on their letterhead and should address the requirements set forth for sponsoring organizations in the UMSL Policy on Externships.

Readings
Externship at the Institute for Justice

Texts:

Economic Liberties and the Constitution, by Bernard Siegan

Grassroots Tyranny, by Clint Bullock

Unfinished Business, by Clint Bullock

Restoring the Lost Constitution: The Presumption of Liberty, by Randy Barnett

Law Review Articles:

"One Test, Two Standards: The On and Off Role of Plausibility and Rational Basis Review," by Clark Neily

"Lost Fidelities," by Barry Cushman

"Will, Judgment, and Economic Liberty," by Alan Meese