

The Judicial Externship Program

The UBC Judicial Externship Program accepts 8 students per term to serve as interns to the judges of the BC Provincial Court. Students receive 7 days of orientation and training from judges of the Court on topics including judicial independence, judgment writing, sentencing, Youth Justice, and Child Protection work. Students then are assigned to a registry (or a rotation of registries to ensure exposure to all aspects of the Court's work) and work with the registry's judges Monday through Thursday of each week. Students' work will include research, memorandum preparation, attendance at trials and other judicial processes, editing, and other tasks to assist the judiciary. Students may have the opportunity to participate in a circuit court sitting. Friday mornings are devoted to a 4-credit workshop held at UBC. Total credits for the program: 16.

Only **third year** students are eligible for the program.

Application Process: Students interested in participating in the Externship must submit a cover letter, résumé and transcript to Professor Patricia Barkaskas at barkaskas@allard.ubc.ca by March 1st, 2016. Please be sure to include the following information:

- Any special areas of interest in the Provincial Court's work (e.g. First Nations Court, Drug Court, family practice, etc.)
- Any special skills or background you bring to the Externship.
- Would you be interested in working in a Court outside the Lower Mainland (probably Victoria, Kelowna or Prince George) and able to provide your own accommodations? Please be specific about possible registries. (Ability to relocate may be a factor in selection decisions.)
- Have you completed the pre-requisite and recommended courses?
- Preference as to term? If you are unable to participate in either Fall or Winter term, please indicate that clearly. If you do not have the pre-requisites to enter the program in Fall, please note that.

Marks achieved in law school are only one aspect of the criteria considered for selection to the program. Please ensure that you provide sufficient information about your background, interests and career goals that these can be taken into consideration fully.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee made up of Professor Barkaskas, and The Honourable Judges Rideout and Denhoff. Selected applicants might be asked to participate in an interview.

Pre-requisites: Law 201 Canadian Constitutional Law and Law 476 Evidence.

Highly recommended courses: Law 400 Advanced Criminal Procedure, Law 359 Family Law, Law 469 Civil Procedure and Law 430 Advanced Legal Research. (Priority may be given to students who have completed recommended courses.)

For additional information, please contact Professor Barkaskas at barkaskas@allard.ubc.ca.