

## 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 two weeks of orientation to the provincial court and training from judges of the Court on topics including child protection, criminal, and family law, as well as cultural competency, judicial independence, judgment writing, problem-solving courts, sentencing, and youth justice work. Students then are assigned to a courthouse or a rotation of courthouses and work with judges Monday through Thursday of each week. Students' work will include research, memorandum preparation, attendance at trials and other hearings, editing, and other tasks to assist judges. Students will have the opportunity to attend one of the Provincial Court's Indigenous sentencing courts and may have the opportunity to attend a circuit court sitting in one of the various remote locations around the province. Friday mornings are devoted to a 4-credit reflections seminar held at Allard Hall.

**Total credits for the program:** 15

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

**Application Process:** Students interested in participating in the Externship must submit an application by the common application process.

Please be sure to include the following information in your cover letter:

- Any special areas of interest in the Provincial Court's work (i.e.: child protection, criminal, or family law, problem-solving courts, sentencing, youth justice work etc.);
- Any special skills or background you bring to the Externship;
- Would you be interested in working in a Court outside the Lower Mainland (e.g. Victoria, or Kelowna or Prince George) and are you able to secure your own accommodations? Please be specific about possible registries. A student's ability to relocate may be a factor in selection decisions;
- Have you completed the pre-requisites and any of the recommended courses? If so, which ones have you completed or might you complete; and
- 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 in order that these can be taken into consideration fully.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee made up of Lisa Martz, Adjunct Professor and a Legal Officer from the Office of the Chief Judge of the BC Provincial Court. Selected applicants will be asked to participate in an interview.

**Pre-requisites:** 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 Lisa Martz, Adjunct Professor at [lmartz@mail.ubc.ca](mailto:lmartz@mail.ubc.ca).

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