

## **The Judicial Externship Program**

The UBC Judicial Externship Program accepts up to 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 and others on topics including family law and child protection, sentencing, the work of Crown counsel, police and judicial justices, and mediation, as well as cultural competency, judicial independence, judgment writing, and problem-solving courts. Students are then 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 travel with 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.

The Judicial Externship is open to students who are planning to apply for a clerkship with a superior court (e.g. the BC Supreme Court or the BC Court of Appeal) and is in fact excellent preparation for a clerkship following graduation.

***Total credits for the program: 15***

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

***Application Process:*** Students interested in participating in the Judicial 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 Judicial Externship;
- Would you be interested in working at a Provincial Court outside the Lower Mainland (e.g. Victoria, or Kelowna) and are you able to secure your own accommodations? Please be specific about possible Provincial Court locations to which you could relocate. A student's ability to relocate may be a factor in selection decisions;
- Have you completed the pre-requisite and recommended course; and
- Preference as to term? If you are unable to participate in either Fall or Winter term, please indicate that clearly. If you will not have taken Law 476 Evidence before Fall term, please note that.

Marks achieved in law school are only one of the criteria considered for selection for the program. Maturity, ability to work in a professional environment, interpersonal skills and genuine interest in the work of the Provincial Court are equally if not more important. 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 Professor Lisa Martz 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-requisite:*** Law 476 Evidence

***Additional recommended course:*** Law 359 Family Law

For additional information, please contact Professor Lisa Martz at [martz@allard.ubc.ca](mailto:martz@allard.ubc.ca).