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COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals provides an internship program through which a small number of qualified students can earn law school credit for work done under the supervision of an individual judge.

Prerequisites

To be considered, a student must have completed courses in Criminal Law I, Constitutional Law I, Legal Research and Writing and be enrolled in the second or third year of law school.

Program Content

Each student will be graded on a pass/fail basis and must satisfy certain minimum writing requirements. An intern must be regularly scheduled at the Court for at least twenty (20) hours per week for either the fall or spring semesters. Summer hours will be an agreed schedule between the intern and judge for credit to be prorated, based on regular semester requirements. This program permits the intern an opportunity to make presentations and discuss drafts in confidential conference with his or her particular judge. Interns will be requested to assist in the preparation of memoranda concerning petitions for discretionary review, applications for writs of habeas corpus and direct appeals pending before the Court. An effort will be made to involve each intern in the preparation of at least one opinion. Each intern will be expected to complete at least four written memoranda or equivalent writing during regular semesters. Each intern will participate in an orientation process and will be subject to academic supervision by his or her particular judge. This program should be considered both by those beginning second year students who wish to be considered for the Court's regular briefing attorney positions and by those who prefer the more limited experience of an intern in lieu of a full year as a briefing attorney.

Applicants may apply by sending nine copies of a resume and writing sample to Richard Wetzel, Executive Administrator, Court of Criminal Appeals, P. O. Box 12308, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711. An applicant may specify a desire to be considered by every judge or by certain individual judges. Information about individual judges is available in the placement office or at the Court's Website: www.cca.courts.state.tx.us Applications should be submitted at least one month before registration for the particular semester the student desires to intern..

No monetary payment for these positions is available. Each law school establishes its own credit requirements. Arrangements may also be made for a law student who is enrolled in another law school to participate in this internship while taking other law courses as a transitory student at the University of Texas.

No applicant will be refused an internship because of race, color, ethnic background, religion, creed, sex, marital status, age or any other similar consideration.