

# SEMESTER IN PRACTICE and JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP

## Request to Enroll

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VLS Class \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Semester \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be considered for (check all that apply): SiP \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Externship \_\_\_\_\_

Before you may enroll in the SiP/Judicial Externship you need to do 5 things:

1) Come to (or watch the video of) a discussion: The Place Practicum Based Learning Can Play in Legal Education. The live session is held every year in January and September and the videotape is available from the SiP/Judicial Clerkship programs office in Rogers House.

2) Read the Frequently Asked Questions handout which you will find either on the VLS Home Page, under experiential programs/SiP, or in hard copy on the second floor of Rogers House, or in the Career Services Office.

3) Give program support staff:

- Your resume
- One or two writing samples
- For VLS students, a list of three references, two of them VLS faculty. From transfer/visitors, a letter of reference from a former employer, professor or other professional who knows you and can speak to your maturity and ability to benefit from a field based experience.
- An unofficial copy of your transcript which can be obtained on-line at campus web or from the Registrar's Office.
- Answers to the following 8 questions. Your answers will not be read by potential mentors.

NOTE: WE WILL NOT CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE UNLESS WE RECEIVE YOUR RESUME, LIST OF REFERENCES, TRANSCRIPT AND WRITING SAMPLES IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT.

### Questions:

1. What are your goals for your 3 years in law school?
2. How do you intend to integrate or imagine integrating your learning in law school with the work you eventually plan to do?
3. What practical experience, legal and non-legal, do you already have?
4. Would you describe yourself as mature? Flexible in a work situation? Why?
5. Is there relevant course work you must complete before you graduate? Are there courses you really want to take?
6. What do you imagine a SiP/Judicial Externship can add to your overall legal education?
7. Do you already have specific ideas about where you would like to spend a SiP/Judicial Externship or with whom? (Remember, please do NOT contact potential mentors in advance).
8. Who is your faculty advisor or advisor in fact? Have you met with her or him to discuss your interest in SiP?

4) Meet with Liz Ryan Cole, Jeffrey White or both, to develop a match.

N.B. Students must have at least a 2.4 grade average to enroll in these programs. Limited Enrollment. DEADLINES: March 15 for students doing the following fall or spring distant placement\*; April 1 for Fall semester enrollees; Sept 30 for Spring semester enrollees. Please contact Shannon Leach (x1259 or [sleach@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:sleach@vermontlaw.edu)), Liz Ryan Cole (x1240 or [lcoble@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:lcoble@vermontlaw.edu)), or Jeffrey White (x1233 or [jwhite@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:jwhite@vermontlaw.edu)).

\*distant means south of DC, west of New York/Philadelphia or any foreign placement.