

UW College of Law – Externships Available with Non-Profit Organizations:

Please note that externships outside of the State of Wyoming may have earlier application deadlines than the internal school deadline for externships. You may want to contact employers early to ask about deadlines and application processes. If you need assistance, please contact the Externship Program Director, Professor Ken Chestek.

If you are interested in an externship with a judge, governmental agency or non-profit/non-governmental agency not on this list, there is a simple process to have it approved. Please work with Professor Ken Chestek (kchestek@uwyo.edu), the Externship Program Director, to have it pre-approved prior to the externship application deadline.

Laramie, Wyoming

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Legal Issues, Laramie - (summer, fall or spring). Externs will have the opportunity to assist in representing clients in family violence protection orders. Externship is in Laramie office.

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Policy Issues, Laramie - (summer, fall or spring). Areas of work will include federal and state laws on domestic violence, sexual assault, human sex trafficking and stalking in criminal and civil contexts.

Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, (fall, spring or summer). Externs will be exploring the civil justice system and researching jury verdicts in Wyoming as well as researching national trends on jury verdicts. Externs will work with WTLA staff and attorney members and will research verdict and case information in all nine judicial districts and assist in analyzing data, creating charts, spreadsheets and written materials. The externs will also conduct research effects of “tort reform” in other states and analyze data to provide information to assist the Association in its advocacy work.

Wyoming Women’s Foundation, Laramie – (spring). Externs will have hands on experience researching and analyzing legislation in areas of the law that relate to and impact the economic sufficiency of women and educational opportunities for girls while learning about the state legislative process. Please submit a cover letter describing why you wish to do the externship and any relevant experience.

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Access to Justice Commission - (fall). Externs will be assigned certain areas of law to research, summarize and compile to then be added to the website.

Wyoming Agriculture & Natural Resources Mediation Program - (summer, fall or spring). Agricultural and natural resource issues, alternative dispute resolution. The extern will assist with the day-to-day management of the Wyoming Agriculture and Natural Resources Mediation Program including case intake, program promotion and outreach and research into the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in the state. The extern will have the opportunity to expand their understanding of alternative dispute resolution processes such as mediation and facilitation and see it applied in agricultural and natural resource related conflicts such as farm credit, public land grazing disputes, estate planning concerns and more. Please include a cover letter indicating your interest in alternative dispute resolution.

Equal Justice Wyoming (entity of Wyoming Supreme Court), Cheyenne – (summer, fall or spring). The Center handles only civil matters. Family law is a priority but the externship supervisor can likely match a legal field with a student’s area of interest. Potential areas may include: education law, employment law, government benefits, consumer/credit issues, mediation/ADR, landlord/tenant disputes, and immigration. The externship is geared toward 2Ls with an interest in legal services and working with clients with limited resources, however 3Ls who aren’t interested in providing direct representation may

apply. Other areas involved: community outreach, recruiting and working with *pro bono* attorneys, maintaining a helpful and relevant website, facilitating *pro se* initiatives and coordinating with a broad range of stakeholders. In addition to resume, please include cover letter expressing why you are interested in public service and working with our target population. Externship Supervisor will conduct phone interviews of interested student externs.

Wyoming Children's Law Center, Inc., Cheyenne - (summer, fall or spring). Domestic Relations and Guardianships of minor children from the perspective of Mediation and appointment as Guardian ad litem. Interview parties and involved children; interview prospective witnesses (including expert witnesses; some courtroom observations and assisting in Court; preparation for and observation of mediations; organizing and maintaining records of legal assistance provided by the Program; assist in drafting proposed standards for GALs and Mediators in Child Custody Proceedings; assist in the preparation of pleadings as well as training materials for GALs and Mediator.

Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Cheyenne - (summer, fall or spring). Federal public land issues, local government funding/taxation. Research and present with supervising attorney to county commissioners on various assigned topics. Develop power point presentations on assigned projects. Extern will develop public speaking and organizational skills as well as have the opportunity for networking across the state. Please include a writing sample.

Wyoming Women's Legislative Caucus, Cheyenne - (spring and summer only - with spring semester front-loaded to accommodate the legislative session). Externs will learn about the legislative process in Wyoming by assisting members of the Women's Caucus with their legislative duties, including researching and drafting legislation, attending legislative sessions and committee meetings, and tracking legislation. Some travel to Cheyenne is required. In addition to a resume, please submit a cover letter.

Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Cheyenne - (fall and spring). The extern will be involved in issues of natural resource law, private property rights, water law, public land law and the state-federal relationship. Please submit a resume and cover letter indicating any particular basis for selecting the Wyoming Stock Growers Association for an externship.

Other locations in Wyoming (outside of Laramie and Cheyenne)

Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Riverton - (summer). The extern will work in criminal law (misdemeanor, felony, municipal) and civil law (Title 25, eminent domain, land use planning) and will participate in all levels of court activity including and up to trial.

Powder River Basin Resource Council, Sheridan - (summer). Externs will work with environmental and natural resource law focusing on the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, WY Environmental Quality Act, WY Conservation Act, Mineral Leasing Act Surface Mining and Reclamation Act and others.

Wyoming Outdoor Council, Lander - (summer). Externs will conduct legal research and legal writing regarding Department of Environmental Quality permit requirements and emission levels. Resume required.

Wyoming Medical Center, Casper - (fall, spring and summer). Externs will assist the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) to monitor the compliance program, review regulatory updates and revise organizational policies as appropriate, serve as an interim member of the compliance committee, assist in monitoring the compliance program to eliminate fraud, waste and/or abuse, assist in coordinating and investigating internal investigations and perform health care law research.

Colorado

Independence Institute, Denver - (fall, spring, summer). Extern will work in constitutional and election law with a focus on campaign finance and transportation funding. Work in environmental and regulatory law may also be available.

Metro Volunteer Lawyers, Denver - (fall, spring and summer). Focus is on family law including drafting, client interaction, compiling case files, shadowing attorneys and power of attorney workshops.

Mountain State Legal Foundation, Lakewood - (fall, spring and summer). MSLF is a non-profit, public interest legal foundation that is actively involved in cases throughout the country involving private property rights, natural resources, public lands and constitutional issues. Externs will assist in all aspects of MSLF's ongoing litigation including client contact, legal research and writing pleadings, motion, memoranda and briefs.

Office of Alternate Defense Counsel, Denver - (summer). Extern will work in criminal law with adult and juvenile proceedings at the trial, appellate and post-conviction levels. Extern will conduct legal research, draft motions and appellate briefs and work with clients.

Western Resource Advocates, Boulder - (summer). WRA is a non-profit environmental law and policy organization dedicated to restoring and protecting the natural environment of the Interior American West. The student extern would be involved in ongoing environmental litigation and advocacy, under the direct supervision of a WRA staff attorney. The externship is not confined to library research, but will involve the student in the many different tasks and skills needed to be a successful public interest advocate.

Western Slope Conservation Center, Paonia - (summer). Extern will perform several research and writing projects for the WSCC.

Other States (not Wyoming or Colorado)

American Leadership Academy, Inc, Chandler, Arizona - (summer). Extern will explore areas of law including estate planning, education/charter school law, constitutional and criminal law as it relates to charter schools, real estate law, torts, and contract and business law.

Death Penalty Litigation Clinic, UMKC School of Law, Kansas City, MO - (summer). The extern will interview witnesses, draft and file discovery motions and related memoranda of law, gather life history documents and evidence for use in psychiatric assessments, and prepare for hearings. The extern will also be able to attend and assist with court hearings on procedural issues as well as attend client visits and witness interviews.

Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City, Utah - (summer only). Extern will work individually and on committees assessing compliance of health-related activities including business contracts, physicians' contracts, data agreements and state and federal laws and regulations.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, Pacoima, California - (summer). Externs work under direct attorney supervision to assist litigants one-on-one with the completion of legal documents in the areas of family law, housing law and other civil law matters.

Refugee Justice League, Salt Lake City, Utah - (fall, spring and summer). Extern will work in areas of refugee law, immigration, civil litigation and torts. Extern will work with attorneys on projects, perform legal research and meet with clients.