CHILD ADVOCACY EXTERNSHIPS

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 31

Submit applications to Amy McDonald by 3 p.m.

The law school will offer two to five opportunities to participate in Child Advocacy Externships for academic credit during the summer of 2011. Interested students need to submit an application, consisting of

1) a resume
2) a transcript (informal off the web is acceptable)
3) a letter of interest, and
4) a list indicating your preference among the placements, including any that you could not accept. Here are the possibilities
   a) Judge in Albany
   b) Judge in Astoria
   c) Judge in Portland
   d) Juvenile Rights Project in Portland

Information about the externships

Externships may be available with a juvenile/family court judge in Linn County (Albany), Clatsop County (Astoria) or Multnomah County (Portland) and with a senior attorney at Juvenile Rights Project in Portland. The judges are all quite active in statewide juvenile law reform work and have a demonstrated interest in working with students. Juvenile Rights Project is the only law firm in Oregon that represents exclusively children; in addition to representing children in juvenile court dependency and delinquency cases, attorneys also do substantial law reform work.

Each student placed with a judge will act as the judge's clerk, doing research, preparing for hearings, contacting counsel as needed, and observing initial hearings, trials, settlement conferences, and review hearings. He or she may also work on a law reform project at the direction of the judge.

The student placed with Juvenile Rights Project will work with a senior attorney. The student will help prepare cases, observe court proceedings, and, if a third-year student, appear in court. He or she will also work on a major project, which may involve legal and factual investigation, as well as analysis and writing.

The judicial externships will require 20 or 40 hours of work per week for eight weeks for which 3 or 6 hours of pass/no pass credit will be awarded. The Juvenile Rights Project offers 6 hours of pass/no pass credit for 40 hours per week for eight weeks.

Students will also participate in a classroom component taught by Prof. Harris during the externships.
Eligibility

Students must have completed at least 28 credits of law school courses and have a cumulative grade average of at least 2.00. Completion of Children and the Law is desirable but not required.