

January 4, 2010

**EXTERNSHIPS  
OFFICE OF STAFF ATTORNEYS  
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT  
SAN FRANCISCO**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications for externships with its central legal staff, the Office of Staff Attorneys in San Francisco, for the summer term of 2010. The externs, like the staff attorneys, work for the court as a whole and for panels of judges, rather than for individual judges. Staff attorneys conduct legal research and analysis in order to explain the facts and questions presented, and recommended disposition of cases, to monthly three-judge panels in San Francisco. Staff attorneys also prepare bench memoranda for panels of judges.

Externs can expect to learn a wide variety of practical legal skills in multiple areas of the law through research and writing supervised by staff attorneys and, most uniquely, through discussions with two or three panels of circuit judge and particular cases.

To be eligible, students must:

- be enrolled in good standing at an accredited law school;
- have completed the equivalent of at least three full semesters by the time they begin working for the court;
- be able to give full-time commitment (though an extern may enroll in one class during the externship);
- not engage in legal employment for compensation during their tenure with the court.

The Summer 2010 externship is expected to last approximately 10 weeks, beginning in May 2010 (The length of the externship and the start date are somewhat flexible).

To apply, students should send:

- a one page resume;
- a cover letter specifically explaining his or her interest in the Office of the Staff Attorneys;
- an analytical writing sample that
  - ▶ is no more than 8 pages (excerpt as necessary) and
  - ▶ has either *not* been edited by others **or** is accompanied by an explanation of the extent of editing done by others;
- a transcript of law school grades; and
- two references with telephone numbers and email addresses.

The application will not be considered complete, and will not be reviewed, until all materials are received. Because applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, it is to the student's advantage to submit an application as soon as possible. Please email applications to [Lynn\\_Ng@ca9.uscourts.gov](mailto:Lynn_Ng@ca9.uscourts.gov) (please send PDFs only) or mail applications to:

Lynn Ng, Extern Recruitment Coordinator  
Office of Staff Attorneys, United States Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 193939, San Francisco, CA 94119-3939

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 29, 2010**  
**Applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.**

The United States Court of Appeals is an equal opportunity employer and actively recruits minority and female applicants as well as those applicants with disabilities that can be reasonably accommodated.