

**LL.M. Academic Externship
Mandatory Reflection Paper**

Due 5:00 pm

Fall 2024: Friday, December 13, 2024 / Spring 2025: Monday, May 5, 2025

Your paper should address the following questions, and should be **5-10 pages, double-spaced, 12 font**. A hard copy can be turned in to the Office of Graduate Programs in Hotung 5000 or you can email it to Molly Jackson at jacksonm@georgetown.edu.

Part I: Placement

1. Please briefly explain (no more than ½ page) the mission of the organization for which you worked. If it is not obvious, please describe the nature of the practice, and how exactly the work is executed. For example, if you work for a group that engages in both policy and advocacy, please include that in your description.
2. Briefly describe the type of work you did and the skills you developed.
3. What about your placement most surprised you?
4. What is/are the most important thing(s) that you learned this semester? What lessons will you carry forward in law practice?
5. What did you learn that you could not have learned in a classroom?

Part II: Externship Program

1. Was there anything that you wish you had known before you began your placement? Was there any way in which Georgetown Law could have better prepared you for the experience?
2. Discuss the extent and quality of the supervision you received and any recommendations concerning continuation or modification of the externship program.

Part III: Self-Reflection

1. Describe whether and how the externship met the education goals you set for yourself. Using the goals that you set as a bar, how successful was your externship experience? Did your goals evolve over the course of the semester? Do you think that made the best possible use of your time at your placement?
2. Is there anything that you would have done differently?
3. Comment on an issue of your choosing which arises from your externship experience. Some examples include: ethical dilemmas you experienced and how they were addressed and resolved; a discussion of how seeing the "law in action" altered or deepened your understanding of the substantive law or your understanding of fairness and justice. Obviously you must be mindful in your memo (as you should be in all contexts) about preserving client confidentiality.