

Georgetown University Law Center
J.D. Externship Program
Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Academic Year Rule 304(d) Agreement

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Georgetown Law's J.D. Externship Program ("Externship Program") provides students with the opportunity to participate in judicial, governmental, and nonprofit externships.

To formalize the externship, the American Bar Association requires:

a written understanding among the student, faculty member, and a person in authority at the field placement that describes ... the substantial lawyering experience and opportunities for performance, feedback, and self-evaluation [the student extern will receive]; and ... the respective roles of faculty and any site supervisor in supervising the student and in assuring the educational quality of the experience for the student[.] ABA Standard 304(d)(2)(i)(2025-2026).

Georgetown Law's Rule 304(d) Agreement outlines the expectations for the Field Supervisor, Student Extern, and the J.D. Externship Program (which includes the Office of Experiential Education staff and Adjunct Externship Faculty Members) related to the Student Extern's participation in the J.D. Externship Program.

Fieldwork Details

Student Extern will begin their externship by the end of the third week of the semester/summer session, as stipulated by the J.D. Externship Program:	Yes	No	☐
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Student Extern will extern for at least 10 weeks during the semester, or 6 weeks during the summer session:	Yes	No	☐
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Student Extern will complete their J.D. Externship Program hours and weeks requirements by the last business day of classes:	Yes	No	☐
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Student's primary field supervisor is a licensed attorney with at least three years of legal practice experience, or a judicial law clerk, AND will be located in the United States during student's externship (barring personal or professional travel trips):	Yes	No	☐
	Yes	No	☐

Student Extern and primary field supervisor will meet for an externship check-in at least 1x/week:

Field Supervisor's name: _____

Field Supervisor's title: _____

Field Supervisor's email address: _____

Field Supervisor's telephone number: _____

Field Placement's physical office location): _____

The Field Supervisor, Student Extern, and J.D. Externship Program agree as follows:

1. The Student Extern is the primary beneficiary of this externship.
2. While compensated externships are permitted (unless the funding is through Georgetown University) the externship is an educational opportunity, not an employment opportunity.
3. The fieldwork component of the externship will provide the Student Extern with a “substantial lawyering experience” that is “reasonably similar to the experience of a lawyer advising or representing a client or engaging in other lawyering tasks” while “under the supervision of a licensed attorney or an individual otherwise qualified to supervise” at the field placement. ABA Standard 304(d)(1)(2025-2026). (Georgetown Law defines “an individual otherwise qualified to supervise” as someone qualified to assign, review, and give substantive feedback on a student’s legal policy work. Further guidance is provided in the 2026-2027 Academic Year J.D. Externship Program Student Extern Manual. In addition, please note that the J.D. Externship Program **does not permit** student externs to be supervised by a field supervisor who is related to them or who is their externship seminar professor.)
4. The fieldwork will be conducted in person (i.e., on-site) to the maximum extent possible, based on feasibility (not student preference).
5. In externships, students do not provide legal advice, prepare legal documents, appear in court or before agencies, or do any course work that is construed as practicing law under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49 (Unauthorized Practice of Law). No attorney-client relationship is created by students’ work in this course.

Field Supervisor Responsibilities:

1. Field Supervisor will meet with the Student Extern at the beginning of the semester/summer session to discuss the Student Extern’s Externship Learning Goals Plan, and will only approve the Learning Goals Plan if it appears that the Student Extern will have the opportunity to achieve the identified goals.
2. Field Supervisor understands that the Student Extern should be provided multiple opportunities for performance and feedback that will assist the student in making progress toward the Student Extern’s individual learning goals.
3. Field Supervisor has read the [*Capital Area Consortium on Externships \(CACE\) Manual for Extern Supervisors – Best Practices*](#) and agrees to follow the educational goals and program guidelines stated therein.

4. Field Supervisor accepts primary responsibility for overseeing the Student Extern's work at the placement throughout the semester/summer session and monitoring the progress of all work assigned to the Student Extern.
5. Field Supervisor will ensure that the Student Extern receives an orientation to the rules, policies, procedures, methods, expectations, and operations of the field placement organization or office. This includes, but is not limited to, any policies related to generative artificial intelligence.
6. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern will be assigned tasks representative of work that would be assigned to a law clerk or entry-level attorney at the field placement (keeping in mind that the Student Extern is **not yet authorized to practice law**, and that **student practice is not permitted in the J.D. Externship Program**), including opportunities to perform a variety of legal tasks and exposure to a variety of legal or legal policy issues regularly encountered at the placement.
7. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern **will not** engage in student practice.
8. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern **will not** engage in any partisan political campaign activity (e.g., tasks in any way related to a political campaign or political action committee) **or support any such activity**.
9. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern **will not** engage in any lobbying. The J.D. Externship Program uses the Internal Revenue Service's definition of lobbying (see <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/lobbying>, last viewed on August 6, 2026).
10. Field Supervisor agrees that, to the greatest extent practicable and appropriate, the Student Extern will be offered opportunities to participate in and/or observe various aspects of cases or projects related to the substance of assignments that the Student Extern has been given.
11. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern will be provided with specific, individualized, consistent, and timely feedback on the Student Extern's work, and will be given opportunities to self-evaluate, as well
12. Field Supervisor agrees that the Student Extern will not be regularly assigned clerical tasks (e.g., filing, photocopying) or other non-legal/non-policy work.
13. Field Supervisor agrees to provide the Student Extern with an adequate workspace at the field placement site and the necessary tools and resources to complete their assignments at the field placement site, if the Student Extern is working at the field placement site. If the Student Extern is working remotely, then the Field Supervisor agrees to provide the Student Extern with the necessary tools and resources to complete their assignments remotely, as needed.
14. Field Supervisor agrees to complete and submit two evaluations of the Student Extern's performance, at the mid-point and end of the semester/summer session.
15. Field Supervisor agrees that, in addition to weekly meetings throughout the externship, they will meet with the Student Extern to discuss the Student Extern's performance at the mid-point and end of the semester/summer session.

16. Field Supervisors who telework or spend considerable time away from the office agree to identify another individual who is qualified to supervise to whom the student can report to and/or secure additional assignments from when the field supervisor is absent from the office and the student is on-site.

Student Extern Responsibilities:

1. Student Extern has read the applicable Georgetown Law J.D. Externship Program Student Extern Manual and agrees to comply with the educational goals and guidelines stated therein.
2. Student Extern has (if applicable) discussed potential conflicts of interest and mechanisms for avoiding conflicts of interest with the Field Supervisor/another appropriate individual at the field placement.
3. Student Extern agrees to complete the Externship Learning Goals Plan for the externship and will discuss their goals with their Field Supervisor and Seminar Professor.
4. Student Extern agrees to perform work assigned by the Field Supervisor, or other supervising attorneys/individuals otherwise qualified to supervise, in connection with the externship.
5. Student Extern agrees to follow directions, seek clarification and advice in a timely fashion, and comport oneself with professionalism and integrity throughout the externship.
6. Student Extern agrees to set a regular fieldwork schedule with their Field Supervisor and seek permission, in advance, for any changes or modifications to their fieldwork schedule.
7. Student Extern agrees to (i) maintain a weekly time sheet of work performed at the field placement (being mindful of field placement/client confidentiality and any other pertinent considerations); and (ii) timely submit those time sheets per the corresponding deadlines via Canvas.
8. Student Extern agrees to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct of the jurisdiction in which the placement is located, together with any other rules, guidelines, or policies applicable to the particular field placement, including protecting all confidential and privileged information of the placement and its clients.
9. Student Extern agrees to promptly attend all externship seminar classes and the mid-semester/summer session meeting, and timely complete all class assignments/requirements.
10. Student Extern agrees to reflect contemporaneously on the observations, experiences, professional/ethical considerations, and other opportunities for performance and learning presented by the externship.
11. Student Extern agrees to complete and submit a Mid-Semester/Mid-Summer Session Survey and End-of-Semester/End-of-Summer Session Evaluation of the field placement.

12. Student Extern acknowledges that they meet all J.D. Externship Program requirements. Detailed policies and requirements are outlined in the Student Extern Manual.
13. Student Extern understands that they will receive academic credit for the externship course as follows:

	Fall and Spring Externships	Summer Session Externships
<i>Fieldwork Credits</i>	11 hours per week for <i>a minimum of</i> 10 weeks during the semester (110 total fieldwork hours), which equates to 2 Pass/Fail fieldwork credits OR 16.5 hours per week for <i>a minimum of</i> 10 weeks during the semester (165 total fieldwork hours), which equates to 3 Pass/Fail fieldwork credits.	18.5 hours per week for <i>a minimum of</i> 6 weeks during the summer session (110 total fieldwork hours), which equates to 2 Pass/Fail fieldwork credits OR 27.5 hours per week for <i>a minimum of</i> 6 weeks during the summer session (165 total fieldwork hours), which equates to 3 Pass/Fail fieldwork credits.
<i>Seminar Credits</i>	1 letter-graded credit	1 letter-graded credit

J.D. Externship Program Responsibilities:

1. The J.D. Externship Program oversees the field placement and externship seminar requirements. The J.D. Externship Program will ensure that each student receives contemporaneous, faculty-guided reflection through a seminar taught by an assigned Adjunct Faculty Member.
2. The J.D. Externship Program, through the externship seminar, will provide instruction on various professional skills that will assist the Student Extern in their contemporaneous externship experience, and after law school in their legal career.
3. The J.D. Externship Program, through the Adjunct Faculty Member, will assure the educational quality of the Student Extern's experience and evaluate the Student Extern's academic performance in the seminar.
4. The J.D. Externship Program, through the Adjunct Faculty Member, will review and evaluate the Student Extern's Learning Goals Plan, seminar assignments, time sheets, and mid-semester/summer and end-of-semester/summer evaluations to ensure Student Extern's educational goals are being achieved.

5. The J.D. Externship Program, through the Adjunct Faculty Member, will meet regularly with the Student Extern via the mandatory attendance externship seminar and a mid-semester/summer meeting. These class sessions will ensure ongoing contemporaneous reflection and assess the Student Extern's overall progress toward their individual learning goals. The Adjunct Faculty Member will meet with Student Extern more often, as needed, to assure overall educational progress.
6. The J.D. Externship Program will offer Field Supervisors periodic trainings to support their management of the externship experience.
7. The J.D. Externship Program will maintain regular communication with Field Supervisors and provide relevant information and materials, including but not limited to, the *CACE Manual*.
8. The J.D. Externship Program will be available to assist the Student Extern and/or Field Supervisor if questions or concerns arise about the externship during the semester/summer session.

Agreed upon by:

Field Supervisor: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Extern: _____ **Date:** _____

Senior Director, Experiential Education: _____ **Date:** _____