APPROVED EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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The opportunity to learn from an externship experience is available in a wide variety of legal fields. No matter your background or area of interest, there is an externship to fit your educational needs. The following is a list of places where law students have externed for school credit or as a volunteer:

1) Judges and Courts  
2) Criminal Prosecution and Defense  
3) Other Government Agencies and  
4) Non-Profit Organizations  
5) Law firms and corporations (listed exclusively on Symplicity)

If you are interested in working somewhere not on the list, please contact Professor Carolyn Larmore (Larmore@chapman.edu) to discuss the possibility of adding it.

The entries are color coded for your ease of use: Orange for Orange County, Blue for Los Angeles, and Green for the Inland Empire.

Other places to find internships or externships:

1) Career Services Office (CSO), specifically Symplicity and Chapman Fowler Law Recruiting Programs (on-campus interviews and resume collect)  
   *Look for the asterisk next to the placement name for those that usually recruit through the CSO*
2) Public Interest/Public Sector Career Day (register to attend through CSO)  
3) Networking, web searches and external job sites

Also, please read the **Externship Handbook** for important information about externship program requirements and deadlines. It can be picked up in Room 350 (the LRW Suite) or downloaded from TWEN under the class “Externship Program General Information.”
1)  JUDGES AND COURTS

Judicial externships are among the most prestigious, and most educational, extern opportunities you can take in law school. Some require high GPAs and a nearly full-time commitment, while others are open to the average law student with just a few days a week to commit.

There are two additional documents that you need to review as part of your application process: 1) “Which Court is Right for You?” and 2) “How to Address a Judge.” Both are posted on www.chapman.edu/law/externships.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, District and Magistrate Judges
Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Riverside
Check Symplicity for the occasional specific posting; otherwise contact Professor Larmore for email addresses to use to apply to various chambers. For all others, send application to individual judges according to each judge’s requirements as listed on his or her Procedures page: http://court.cacd.uscourts.gov/CACD/JudgeReq.nsf/FAQs+about+Judges%27+Procedures+and+Schedules?OpenView

CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL, District 4, Division 3
Santa Ana
www.courts.ca.gov/2524.htm
Check Symplicity for the occasional specific posting; otherwise contact Professor Larmore for email addresses to use to apply to various chambers.

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Riverside
www.cacb.uscourts.gov/judges/judge-directory
Check Symplicity for the occasional specific posting; otherwise contact Professor Larmore for email addresses to use to apply to various chambers.

ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT*
Orange County (multiple locations)
www.occourts.org/employment/interns-volunteers.html
Posting will be on Symplicity or announced by email about 2-3 months before the semester/summer of the desired externship. Contact Professor Larmore for more information.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Los Angeles (multiple locations)
http://www.lacourt.org/generalinfo/volunteer/G1_VP001.aspx

OTHER COURTS
Exterrnships are likely available in other courts in other geographic locations. Visit the court’s website for info on how to apply and/or contact Professor Larmore.

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2) CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, DEFENSE AND RELATED

Before applying to any of these placements, check whether they are participating in OCI or listing an opening on Symplicity. If not they are not, apply as directed on their websites, or contact Professor Larmore for more information.

ANAHEIM, CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*
Anaheim
(civil and criminal)
http://www.anaheim.net/439/City-Attorney

ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE*
Los Angeles
(civil, criminal, environmental, and multiple other areas)
https://oag.ca.gov/careers/students

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER
Santa Ana*, Los Angeles, Riverside*
https://www.fpdedca.org/

LONG BEACH CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Long Beach
https://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/employment-volunteer-programs/

LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Los Angeles
(civil, criminal, and other areas)
www.lacityattorney.org/careers

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*
Los Angeles (Multiple locations)
https://da.lacounty.gov/contact/volunteer

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER*
Los Angeles (Multiple locations)

ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS’ OFFICE*
Orange County (Multiple locations)
http://orangecountyda.org/default.asp

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE*
Orange County (Multiple locations)
https://www.pubdef.ocgov.com/employment/volunteer-opportunities

ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE DEFENDER

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Santa Ana  
https://www.pubdef.ocgov.com/about-us/contact/alternate-defender

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*  
Riverside (Multiple locations)  
https://rivcoda.org/resources/careers-at-our-office

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE*  
Riverside (Multiple locations)  
https://publicdef.co.riverside.ca.us/

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*  
San Bernardino (Multiple locations)  
https://sbcountyda.org/

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL*  
San Bernardino  

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE  
San Bernardino (Multiple locations)  
http://sbpubdef.com/employment

SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*  
San Diego  
https://www.sdcda.org/

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Riverside  
U.S. Attorney’s Office (civil, criminal, tax), U.S. Trustee’s Office (bankruptcy) and other areas  
www.justice.gov/legal-careers/law-students

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3) GENERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE*
Los Angeles
(civil, criminal, environmental, and multiple other areas)
https://oag.ca.gov/careers/students

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL*
Los Angeles
https://www.abc.ca.gov/

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION*
Los Angeles
www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/jobs/internships.cfm

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles
https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/losangeles

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*
Huntington Beach
(civil, environmental, and other areas)
https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_attorney/

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL*
Laguna Niguel

LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Los Angeles
(civil, criminal, and other areas)
www.lacityattorney.org/careers

NORWALK-LA MIRADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the General Counsel
Norwalk (South L.A. County)
www.nlmusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=342248&type=d&pREC_ID=749339

ORANGE, CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
Orange
(civil and other areas)
www.cityoforange.org/148/City-Attorney

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ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Costa Mesa  
www.ocde.us/legalservices/pages/default.aspx

ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL*  
Santa Ana  
(civil, juvenile, and multiple other areas)  
http://ocgov.com/gov/volunteer/internships

RIVERSIDE CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*  
Riverside  
www.riversideca.gov/attorney

RIVERSIDE COUNTY COUNSEL OFFICE*  
Riverside (Multiple locations)  
(civil, juvenile, land use, and multiple other areas)  
https://rivco.org/working-here/volunteer-opportunities

SANTA ANA CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE*  
Santa Ana  
https://www.santa-ana.org/ca

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Riverside  
U.S. Attorney’s Office (civil, criminal, tax), U.S. Trustee’s Office (bankruptcy), EOIR (immigration court) and many other areas  
www.justice.gov/legal-careers/law-students

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES*  
Laguna Niguel  
https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/#url=intern

U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT  
Office of the Chief Counsel  
Los Angeles

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION*  
Santa Ana  
https://www.sba.gov/offices/disaster/ndlrc

VENTURA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE  
Ventura  
https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/

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4) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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ACLU FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Orange, San Bernardino and Los Angeles
https://www.aclusocal.org/en/about/careers

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS*
Los Angeles
www.kids-alliance.org

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
Los Angeles
http://la.adl.org/get-involved-with-adl/

ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE*
Los Angeles
http://advancingjustice-la.org/get-involved/volunteer-us

BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES
Los Angeles
https://www.bettzedek.org/volunteer/

CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER OF LOS ANGELES*
Los Angeles
www.clcla.org/

COASTKEEPER*
Costa Mesa
www.coastkeeper.org/intern

COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT
Los Angeles
www.cbecal.org

COMMUNITY LAWYERS, INC
Compton (South L.A. County)
www.community-lawyers.org/

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SO CAL *
Santa Ana
www.legal-aid.com

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COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS (CAIR)  
Anaheim, Los Angeles*  
https://ca.cair.com/losangeles/

DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER  
Los Angeles and San Bernardino  
http://drlcenter.org/externships-internships-pro-bono/  

ELDER LAW AND DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER*  
Santa Ana  
https://eldrcenter.org/  

HARRIET BUHAI CENTER FOR FAMILY LAW  
Los Angeles  
http://www.hbcfl.org/  

FAMILY LEGAL ASSISTANCE AT CHOC*  
Orange  
https://www.choc.org/family-legal-assistance/  

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT*  
Garden Grove  
https://www.inclusiveeducationproject.org/  

INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES  
San Bernardino  
www.inlandlegal.org  

INNER CITY LAW CENTER  
Los Angeles  
https://innercitylaw.org/  

KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE*  
Los Angeles  
https://supportkind.org/  

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND  
Los Angeles  
https://www.lambdalegal.org/volunteer  

LEARNING RIGHTS LAW CENTER*  
Los Angeles  
https://www.learningrights.org/  

LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES  

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Los Angeles* (multiple locations)
https://lafla.org/volunteer/

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW INSTITUTE*
Orange
www.chapman.edu/research-and-institutions/military-law-institute/

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL
Santa Monica
http://www.nrdc.org/jobs/internships.asp

NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES
Los Angeles (Multiple locations)
www.nlsla.org/get-involved/volunteer/

PACIFIC JUSTICE INSTITUTE
Santa Ana
www.pacificjustice.org/internvolunteer.html

PUBLIC COUNSEL*
Los Angeles
www.publiccounsel.org

PUBLIC LAW CENTER*
Santa Ana
www.publiclawcenter.org/volunteer/

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION USA
San Clemente
www.surfrider.org/careers/entry/internships

TAX APPEALS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, California State Board of Equalization*
Orange (on campus)
www.chapman.edu/law/_files/externships/taap-brochure.pdf

VETERANS LEGAL INSTITUTE*
Santa Ana
https://www.vetslegal.com/

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