Externship Summary
The Judicial Externship provides an in-depth examination of the role of judging in the courts in the United States. Columbia Law School students who obtain a position with a state court or federal court judge for the summer of 2014 and will not be financially compensated (via guaranteed summer funding or otherwise) for the position or other legal employment over the summer can elect to take the Judicial Externship. The class combines field experience in chambers with a seminar, which will meet in May and August and require reading and written work over the summer. Attendance of all class meetings is mandatory.

Judicial externs must work in chambers at least 35 hours per week for 6 or 8 weeks (per the varying credit options explained below). Students splitting their summer between a judicial internship and other paid legal employment are not eligible for this externship. Although specific experiences will vary from court to court, it is expected that work with the judge will involve legal research, analysis and writing on the cases to which the intern is assigned and will provide students with the opportunity to observe court proceedings and attorney conferences.

The seminar will meet for one two-hour session on May 19 and for five three-hour sessions in the evenings during the second half of August (exact dates TBD). The May class will focus on an introduction to courthouse culture, the work done in chambers, and some fundamental principles common to all courts. It also will introduce the course’s written reflection requirement and the potential topics for the longer writing assignment required by the course.

During the summer, each student will, in consultation with the Externship instructors and the student’s judge, explore a topic related to the role of judging within the U.S. legal system. Examples of topics include how judges decide hard cases, sentencing and credibility determinations. This inquiry will include but not be limited to interviews of the student’s judge and relevant academic and other readings. Students will be required to turn in two written reflection assignments over the summer and a longer written assignment related to their chosen topics in August.

The August class sessions will provide guided reflection on the judicial externship experience, incorporating reading assignments. Students will also make presentations on their chosen topics. The instructors and guest speakers will lead discussions of these issues.
Credits and Registration
Students who successfully complete the course will receive either 2 or 3 ungraded clinical credits for the field experience (2 for 6 to 7 weeks of work, 3 for 8-plus weeks of work) and 1 graded academic credit for the seminar, for a total of 3 or 4 credits. The grade will be based on the students’ writing assignments, presentations and class participation. Registration for the Judicial Externship will be attributed to the Fall 2014 semester. Students registered in this Externship will not be eligible to register for the Professional Responsibility course being offered in August. Students may apply for pro bono credit for hours spent in chambers after the sixth or eighth week.

Instructors
The Judicial Externship will be taught by Anne Green, Director of Academic Counseling and Judicial Programming and Lecturer-in-Law (pending faculty approval), and Judge Paul G. Gardephe of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Lecturer-in-Law.

Statement of Intent and Registration
If you have already obtained a judicial internship for summer 2014 and intend to take the Judicial Externship, the deadline for filing the attached Statement of Intent to Take the Judicial Externship is April 7, 2014. If you obtain a judicial internship after that date and would like to sign up for the externship, you must file the Statement of Intent within seven days of obtaining your judicial internship. Statements of Intent should be submitted to Anne Green by dropping them off at her office (Room 505 of W&J Warren Hall). If she is not available, you may leave your Statement with one of coordinators at the Student Services desk.

Once you file your Statement of Intent, Anne Green will provide Registration Services with a list of participants and your registration for the offering will be completed for the Fall 2014 term. Please notify her immediately if you decide not to take the externship after filing a Statement of Intent.
STATEMENT OF INTENT TO TAKE
THE JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP
(August Intensive Course 2014)

NOTE:
FILING THIS FORM WILL LEAD TO AUTOMATIC
REGISTRATION FOR THIS EXTERNSHIP. IF YOU DECIDE
NOT TO TAKE IT, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ANNE GREEN.
Students registering for the Judicial Externship are not
eligible to register for the August 2014 Professional
Responsibility course.

NAME:

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SUMMER EMAIL ADDRESS (if different):

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INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP
NAME OF JUDGE FOR WHOM YOU WILL BE A JUDICIAL
INTERN:

NAME AND LOCATION OF COURT AT WHICH YOU WILL
INTERN:

STATE WHETHER IT IS A TRIAL COURT OR AN APPELLATE
COURT:

NUMBER OF WEEKS OF INTERNSHIP: