

Externships in the United States District Court with the Honorable James A. Parker

Judge Parker is currently seeking law student externs, including first years, to work in his chambers during each of the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Externs generally work twelve hours per week during the spring and fall semesters, and up to forty hours per week during the summer. Although the externship is an unpaid position, externs typically receive law school credit for their externship, depending on the policy of the extern's law school.

Externs in Judge Parker's chambers are given a wide range of legal research and writing responsibilities and can expect to gain considerable insight into the federal judicial process during the course of their externship. In Judge Parker's chambers, externs perform legal research and writing primarily related to dispositive motions in civil matters, such as motions to dismiss, motions to remand, and motions for summary judgment. Externs may also perform legal research and writing relating to motions to suppress in criminal matters. In addition, externs may be asked to attend motion hearings, pleas, sentencings, pretrial conferences, and occasionally, jury trials. In addition to legal research and writing tasks, externs may be asked to perform administrative functions in court, including swearing in witnesses and keeping the official minutes of the courtroom proceedings.

Successful candidates must have superior research and writing skills, preferably with experience on a law review or journal. In addition, candidates should be self-motivated, display significant academic achievement, and have a good sense of humor.

To apply for an externship position in Judge Parker's chambers, interested candidates should submit the following materials:

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Undergraduate transcript
- Law School transcript
- Two references (preferably from professors or former employers)
- Legal writing sample

The materials should be sent to:

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