

Fall 2024
Legal Clinic and Externship
Courses

Information Session
Monday, March 18, 2024

Experiential Learning at Memphis Law

- **ABA Standards:** Require every law student to complete a *minimum of SIX (6) credit hours of experiential learning coursework*
- **Memphis Law:** All students complete a *minimum of SIX (6) experiential learning credits, including at least one Clinic or Externship*
- **Satisfactory Completion:**
 - Grade of **C** or better in a Clinic course
 - Grade of Satisfactory or better in the Externship Course

Clinics and Externships: Eligibility and Credit

- *Clinic Eligibility:* Completion of 45 Credits
- *Externship Eligibility:* Students who have successfully completed their required first year of coursework and at least 28 credit hours toward graduation
- *Simulation Course Eligibility:* Same as eligibility for non-experiential elective courses

Clinics and Externships: Eligibility and Credit

- Not more than a total of twelve (12) credit hours may be utilized toward satisfying graduation requirements by satisfactorily completing the following courses:
 - Any Externship, Advanced Clinic, Law Review, Moot Court (including credit for participation on travel teams), and independent research.
 - *REMINDER: Clinics are graded courses. Credits received for successful completion of a Clinic course do not count toward this ungraded credit limitation.*

Clinics and Externships: Eligibility and Credit

- For satisfying graduation requirements, a student is permitted a total of three (3) externships, two (2) clinic courses, or a combination of one (1) clinic and two (2) externship courses.
- A student may not repeat the same Clinic or Externship.
 - Exception: Externship with substantially different placement within organization (example: DA or PD's Office)
- Advanced Clinic does not count toward the cap on clinic and externship courses that may count toward graduation.

Fall 2024 Clinic and Externship Course: Application Process

- Application Components and Expectations:
 - Written Application (online and distributed by blog)
 - Cover Letter (FOR EACH CLINIC/EXTERNSHIP) and Resume
 - Submit documents in MICROSOFT WORD format ONLY
- **DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 25th BY 12:00 P.M.**
 - E-MAIL TO SANDY LOVE (STLOVE@MEMPHIS.EDU)
- Communication of Acceptance
 - Clinic: By Close of Business on Friday, March 29, 2024
 - Externship: Rolling Basis into Summer/Fall Registration Period

Fall 2024 In-House Clinic Courses

- Course Components
 - *Weekly Class / Rounds*
 - *Front-Loaded Orientation (first 3 weeks of semester)*
 - *Both scheduled following registration*
- Handouts / Other Information (See Blog / Website)
 - *Clinic Descriptions*
 - *Clinic Application*

In-House Legal Clinic Courses

Students in Supervised Practice

- *Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic**
- *Neighborhood Preservation Clinic**
- *Expungement and Restoration of Rights Clinic**
- *Disability Advocacy Clinic***
- *Mediation Clinic***

* Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Clinic Course Offering

** Spring 2025 Clinic Course Offering

*** Anticiapted Spring 2025 Clinic Course Offering

Fall 2024 Externship Course

- Course Components
 - *Runs in Conjunction with Fall Semester*
 - *Field Placement (8 or 12 hrs/week)*
 - *Classroom Seminar (Tuesdays, 4:00-5:20)*
- Handouts/Other Information (See Blog)
 - *Listing of Anticipated Field Placements*
 - *Objectives and Policies*
 - *Externship Course Application*

The University of Memphis Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic



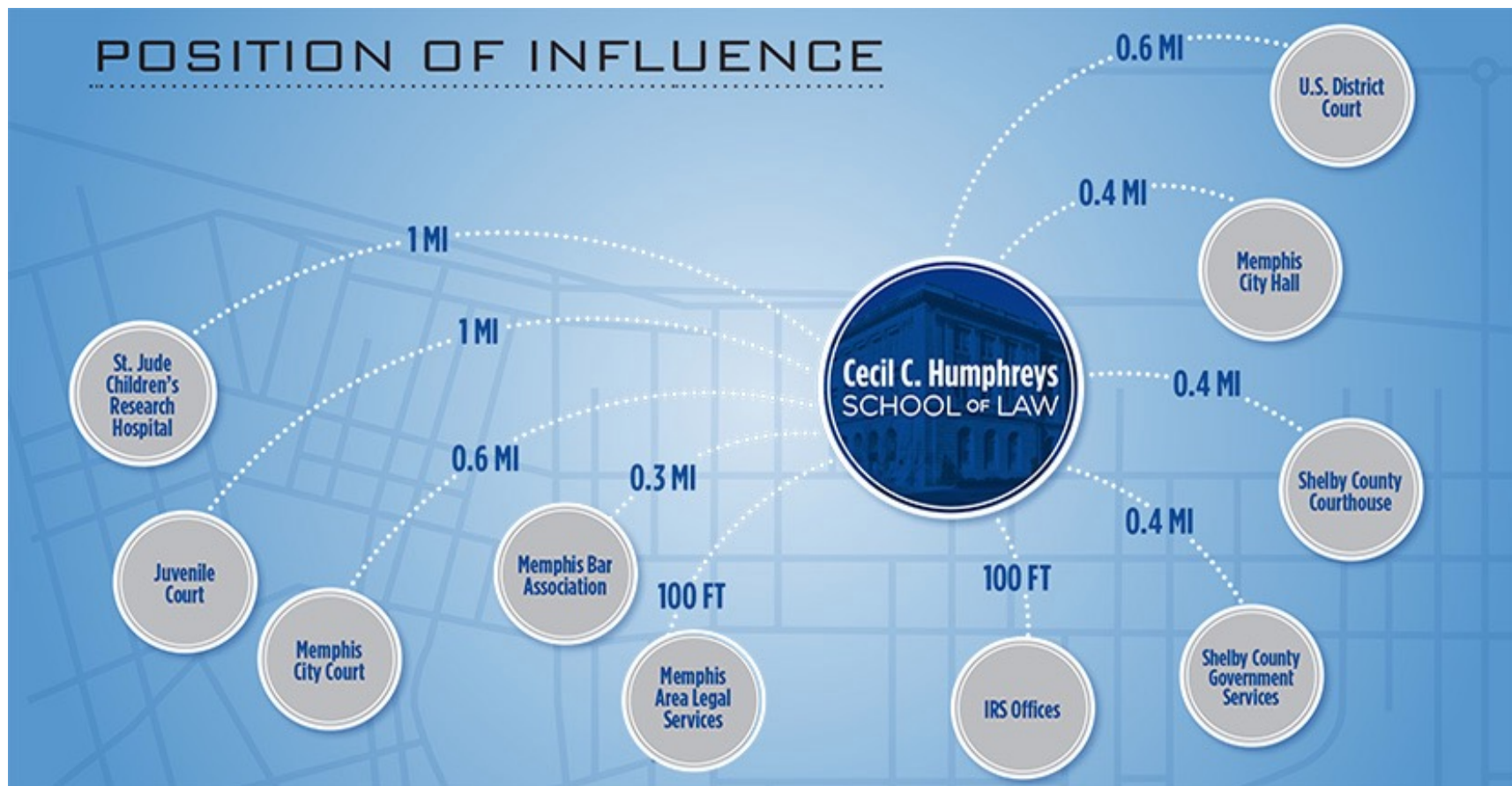
The University of Memphis Expungement and Restoration of Rights Clinic



The University of Memphis Neighborhood Preservation Clinic



The University of Memphis Externship Course



Externship Course:

Students in Field Placements

- Judicial
 - *Federal and State*
 - *Appellate and Trial-Level*
- Criminal Justice
- Municipal Government
- Administrative Agency
- Community Law Office
- Health Practice
- In-House Counsel

Externship Course Testimonials



MIRNA TOMA ('23)

Shelby County Public Defender's Office Externship

I had the privilege of completing an externship with the Law Office of the Shelby County Public Defender. Working with the Public Defender's Office afforded me a one-of-a-kind experience. Not only did I get one of the most practical previews of what actual criminal litigation looks like while in law school, I got to be involved in it. I assisted with drafting important documents and motions. I worked on cases in both the Shelby County General Sessions Court and the Shelby County Criminal Court. I interacted with clients and potential witnesses. I was trusted to strategize defenses and work through the discovery as cases made their way to trial. Everyone in the Public Defender's Office was ready to help with any questions and to ensure I had the chance to work on a wide variety of tasks and matters.

I would recommend the Shelby County Public Defender's Office externship to anyone that would like to see advocacy at its finest!



RODNEY GARDUÑO

Class of 2025 - Mid-South Immigration Advocates

Hola Amigos! My name is Rodney Garduño, and I had the great honor of being an Extern at Mid-South Immigration Advocates. Going into the externship, I was extremely nervous. I had limited experience in the courtroom, but I am extremely passionate about immigration. On my first day, I met with the Directors of my placement and because they were all graduates of our Law School, they understood completely how I felt.

This experience was so inspirational, and I am so appreciative of the growth I've achieved. I learned more in these seven weeks than I thought was possible. My confidence in completing and submitting forms increased significantly and my ability to think critically and ask questions improved as well. This externship allowed me to apply what I had learned in class to actual practice, showcasing my expertise and contributions. I highly recommend completing an externship, as it will allow you to have real-life work experience and to create professional relationships. Regardless of what area of law you choose to practice, please remember you are wanted, and you are needed.

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For More Information, please see:

- *On Legal Grounds* blog
- Experiential Learning Website
 - <https://www.memphis.edu/law/experiential-learning/>
- Externship Course Homepage
 - <https://www.memphis.edu/law/experiential-learning/externships.php>
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