Externship with the **Civil Division** of the US Attorney's Office in Philadelphia **(3Ls only)**:

Penn Law School offers an externship with the Civil Division of the US Attorney's Office in Philadelphia. Student externs will engage in and observe all phases of work of the civil side of the U.S. Attorney's Office. This will include both affirmative and defensive litigation on behalf of federal government agencies and will likely involve the extern in discovery or trial proceedings. Affirmative litigation involves investigations and legal actions concerning fraud on the United States, and to bring civil penalty and injunctive actions enforcing a wide variety of federal agency laws and regulations such as the environmental laws, predatory lending, and drug diversion. Defensive litigation involves defense of the government, its agencies, and its employees in civil litigation including tort cases and Title VII cases alleging discrimination in hiring and employment practices by agencies of the United States.

A security clearance must be obtained prior to the start of the semester's work. Obtaining a security clearance can take up to 8 weeks. This is a 7 credit externship that will require 21 hours per week (students work directly with the US Attorney's Office to set a mutually convenient schedule of hours in the office). You will also meet on a bi-weekly basis with a member of the Penn Law Clinic faculty who serve as the faculty supervisor of this externship.

In order to be considered for Fall 2020 enrollment, interested students must submit an application by **10 am on May 1st, 2020**. All applications will then be reviewed by the US Attorney's Office, who may then contact students to schedule an interview.

If you would like to submit an application, please e-mail your materials to externships@law.upenn.edu. Please include "US Attorney's Office – Civil Division Application" in the subject line. The application should contain **one pdf file** that includes the following: i) a one page statement of interest, ii) a resume, and iii) an unofficial transcript with your name on it.

Please note that this placement expends a great deal of time and effort coordinating background checks, scheduling work, securing supervisors, designing programming, creating office space, etc. Thus, students are strongly encouraged to enroll only if they are committed to completing the externship. If you have any questions about this externship, please email externships@law.upenn.edu.