

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

This externship is for students interested in federal criminal law and federal prosecution. Students will be assigned to the Violent Crime Unit or the Narcotics and Organized Crime Unit of the US Attorney's Office where they will engage in and observe all phases of work in these units. These units prosecute criminals involved in a variety of gun, drug and violent crimes, including international drug cartels, violent street gangs, dangerous recidivist offenders, and those that launder money proceeds from these crimes. Students will be expected to help research case law, draft legal memoranda and briefs, and review and analyze evidence in preparation for criminal charges, court hearings, and trials. Students will also have the opportunity to observe all manner of court hearings and jury trials before federal district court and magistrate judges.

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 Spring 2020 enrollment, interested students must submit an application by **10 am on October 10, 2019**. 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 – Criminal 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.