University of Idaho
College of Law
Extern Program

Native American Law Emphasis

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Several Tribal summer externship positions are available and are designated for NALE students. The employers and number of positions may change from year to year or even within a year, as we continue to build this program – please see Symplicity for a listing of active externships, including NALE-dedicated externships. The following instructions summarize the process for obtaining one of these positions. Summer course registration information will be distributed to all students after the placement process is complete.

*Externships are available for either 5 classroom credits or 4 non-classroom credits. If you have questions about how non-classroom credits fit in with your overall law school plan, please talk with Nancy Luebbert or Dean Albertson.

* You are limited to a total of 12 credits of externship work in your entire law school career. If you have concerns about how this limitation fits into your overall law school plan, including potential Boise 3rd year or Semester in Practice plans, please talk with Nancy Luebbert or Dean Albertson.

1. Basic qualifications: 1Ls must have a minimum 2.2 GPA; 2Ls must be in good standing; be in the NALE program; preference for those who have completed or are enrolled in a Native American Law course**; meet any other qualifications required by the externship supervisors.
2. Look at the externships designated as NALE-specific on Symplicity. Ask Anne-Marie Fulfer if you need Symplicity operational help.
3. Fill out the NALE Student Externship Application form (available in Symplicity documents library and in the College of Law Externship pages), including identifying your preferences for placements.
4. Prepare a resume with 3 references, a cover letter, and a writing sample. Convert to pdf format.
5. Obtain your unofficial transcript. You can request one and pick it up from the Registrar, or you can view it on your VandalWeb account and "print" it. Convert to a pdf file.
6. Submit the application form and all other materials in pdf format by email to Professors EagleWoman (eaglewoman@uidaho.edu) and Stewart (tstewart@uidaho.edu) **on or before February 10, 2012.**
7. We will endeavor to inform students of their tentative NALE placement in February. Some supervisors may wish to interview and approve the students we propose to place with them.
8. Class work: You must register for a summer externship course – more information will be available after placements. Class work includes live class time pre-taught in special sessions during Spring Semester, as well as weekly hour logs, reading, and assignments via TWEN.
9. You can find course descriptions (check often for updates) and Supervisor Guidelines on our externships page: http://www.uidaho.edu/law/academics/clinicsprofessionalskills/externships

**The program will typically have a strong preference for placing 2L NALE students in these summer positions, although a 1L NALE student may be placed after all 2Ls are placed.