Notre Dame Law School
Lawyering Practice Externship

Placement Information

The Lawyering Practice Externship is designed to open up opportunities in virtually any field of law practice and any geographic area within a few hours’ drive of the South Bend campus. During the first two years of the program, students have worked in South Bend, surrounding Indiana counties, southern Michigan, Indianapolis, and Chicago. The range of practice opportunities is similarly broad: any non-profit legal organization, governmental agency, judicial chambers (state or federal), or corporate counsel office. The only exception is offices where Notre Dame students already work through other externship courses.

Students are free to identify any qualifying organization that is willing to provide substantial legal work and effective supervision by a licensed attorney consistent with the Student-Supervisor Agreement.

Students are encouraged to review the Lawyering Practice Externship (LPE) listings on Symplicity and also to be proactive in identifying other potential externship sites. To find LPE listings on Symplicity, students should log into Symplicity; choose the Jobs tab; choose All Job Postings in the drop-down; then choose the Lawyering Practice Externship tab. Students are not limited to sites listed on Symplicity.

Placements should be arranged during the semester before the externship takes place, and all placements must be arranged before the first week of classes. Students waiting until the last minute run the risk that the class will be full.

Past placements and organizations that have expressed an interest in having Notre Dame externs include:

**Criminal**
- United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana
- St. Joseph County (Indiana) Prosecutor
- Cass County (Michigan) Prosecutor
- Marshall County (Indiana) Attorney
- Elkhart County (Indiana) Prosecutor
- Cook County (Illinois) State’s Attorney
- Marion County Prosecutor’s Office (Indianapolis)
- Cook County State’s Attorney (Chicago)

**Low Income Legal Services**
- Indiana Legal Services

**Corporate Counsel**
- Lake City Bank
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
- University of Notre Dame General Counsel
- Notre Dame Office of Gift Planning
Judicial
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
Indiana Supreme Court (Justice David)
St. Joseph Circuit Court
St. Joseph Superior Court
Marion Superior Court (Indianapolis)

Governmental
City of South Bend Legal Department
Indiana Attorney General (Tax and Consumer Protection divisions) (Indianapolis)
U.S. Department of Civil Rights (Chicago)
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (Chicago)
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) (Chicago)