



Lauren Grant, Extern (Fall 2017)  
Externship Site: Louisiana Court of  
Appeal, First Circuit Court  
Extern Supervisor: Judge Theriot

I enjoyed my Externship experience and learned a great deal about the appellate process in Louisiana. During my externship I was able to employ a variety of skills from the classroom, which was great because there was no significant learning curve. As an Extern, I examined case files, prepared bench memos, observed and took notes during oral arguments, and established connections with court staff. The First Circuit is great site for anyone seeking to sharpen their legal research, writing, and analysis skills.

Additionally, I enjoyed the classroom component of the Externship, because we were able to come together and discuss where everyone worked, best practices regarding professionalism, and how to overcome challenges while working. Further, the classroom component provided each us with an opportunity to become better communicators, as we often gave brief oral presentations about the various projects we were working on. Finally, it felt great to know that at the end of the course we were able to receive feedback from our sites, and received a letter grade for the course. Many thanks to Southern University Law Center for providing Externships to our curriculum, and to Professor North for being dedicated to our class.



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Harris County District Attorney's Office  
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Harris County Criminal Court; Court 16  
Dallas, TX

Throughout the duration of my externship I have been exposed to the many issues that plague the criminal justice system. One issue that has been addressed multiple times is the current federal law suit against Harris County Judges that involves Personal Bonds in Harris county And how they were essentially detaining poor people while releasing similar defendants who are capable of paying their bond. As a black man growing up in the inner city of Dallas, prosecutors are not looked at in a favorable light. Be that as it may, while working at the districts attorney office it has allowed me to experience and witness how pivotal prosecutors are in the criminal justice system. With family violence being an issue that plagues many homes, the district attorney's office serves as a bridge for individuals in situations in which they are unable to help themselves. Working in the misdemeanor division, family assaults appear often. Still recovering from hurricane Harvey, although the district attorney's office is scattered throughout Houston they have been able weather the storm before and after Harvey. On a daily basis I assist prosecutors in witness interviews, preparing the bond docket and jail docket, and ensuring evidence is properly secured.



Victoria Jones; Extern  
Attorney Annette M Eddie- Callagain  
Okinawa, Japan

During the Summer of 2017 I was afforded the opportunity to extern in Japan with an esteemed SULC alumna, Attorney Annette M. Eddie-Callagain. Attorney Callagain has a private firm in Okinawa, Japan, where she has practiced law for the past twenty years. Notably, Attorney Eddie-Callagain is the first African American to obtain a license to practice law in Japan, the first foreign female to open her own private law practice in Japan, is the only American civilian lawyer engaged in the practice of law in Japan, and the first and only foreign lawyer in Okinawa who is license to practice law in Japan. During my externship I gained courtroom experience, as well as writing and research experience. Furthermore, I was afforded the opportunity to observe the convergence of American and Japanese law, emanating from Attorney Callagain's firm."



Externship at Southern University Law Center was monumental in my life. During my first year of law school, I did well, but no job offers came my way for the second half of the summer. Thus, I became worried, stressed, and down. Professor North saw me talking one day, and after talking to me about my plans, he wanted to talk to me about the class. He sold me on the experience I could get by being at one the agencies that partnered with Southern University Law Center. Subsequently, I went to the United States Attorney General Office, there I worked in the Civil Rights office. I drafted motions mostly, which helped me immensely. Writing is key for lawyers and during my extern, I learned tremendous lessons in furtherance of better writing.



Gary Williams; Extern  
United States Attorney General Office  
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Externships give you the opportunity to gain first-hand insight on substantive areas of law that might interest you. My experience with OMBI Group, LLC has been nothing short of amazing. I am able to shadow a wonderful attorney and CEO of a premier sports and entertainment firm that specializes in the business and legal representation of sports and entertainment professionals and executives.