Supreme Court of Victoria Externship

Synopsis

Students participating in this externship program will work with judges and other judicial staff members of the Supreme Court of Victoria as well as faculty members from Monash University.

Students will attend the Supreme Court of Victoria for one full day each week over a 12 week period. This opportunity is offered first and second semesters only – it is not available over summer semesters.

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In addition, preference for a placement in this clinic will be given to students who have completed LAW4328, LAW4330, LAW5216 or LAW5218.

Selection

Places in this externship program provide an opportunity to high-performing law students from the Faculty of Law to gain experience at the Supreme Court of Victoria. Places are very limited and entry will involve an interview with a staff member from the Faculty and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Students will be initially selected for interview on the basis of the completion of an application form.

In addition to the above requirement, a determination is made on whether students are accepted for interview on the following basis:

a) Whether all the other prerequisites have been completed.

b) How close the student is to completing their degree. Preference is given to students in the final year of their studies.

c) How many hours of paid or volunteer external work the student is doing. If a student is doing more than 20 hours per week of external work, then it normally they would not be accepted into the unit. Students may be contacted to discuss this further regarding flexibility.
d) The number of other units being taken with Clinical Externship. If the student is doing more than three other units as well as Clinical Externship, normally they would not be accepted into the unit.

Overview

This externship program will include the following activities:

a) Assisting judges and other judicial staff in Judges’ Chambers at the Supreme Court of Victoria with:
   i. drafting speeches;
   ii. preparing case summaries; and
   iii. legal research;

b) Assist Judges’ Associates in other legal and administrative duties in Chambers and Court.

The Workload

Attendance is required at one full day session per week at the Supreme Court of Victoria, 210 William Street in Melbourne on a specific day to be agreed for the duration of the semester.

In addition to weekly attendance, students will be required to spend up to 9 hours per week in research, case preparation and consultation with their supervisor.

Assessment Summary

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