

Federal Appellate Litigation Externship at Dechert's Philadelphia Office

Penn Law School, in partnership with Dechert LLP, a major national law firm, offers an innovative opportunity for students who are interested in federal appellate litigation to participate in the **Federal Appellate Litigation Externship** at Dechert's Philadelphia office. Students will work closely with attorneys from Dechert to identify issues for appeal, conduct research, draft briefs, moot oral arguments, and, whenever possible, argue their assigned cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (to the extent allowed by Third Circuit Local Rule 46.3 which permits law students to represent indigent pro se litigants in certain circumstances).

Under the supervision of Dechert attorneys, and in conjunction with the Penn Clinical program, students will participate in a **4-credit externship** (requiring on average 12 hours per week from each student), gaining invaluable hands-on experience in federal appellate litigation. Students will meet with their Clinic Faculty Supervisor on a bi-weekly basis, and will be asked to maintain a journal reflecting on their experiences. Meetings may be conducted in person or by video-conference depending on public health conditions – this decision will be made at a later date. This externship is only offered in the Fall semester. However, should some (or all) of the students have their cases selected for oral argument in the Spring semester, they may be able to pursue independent study credit or pro bono credit for work related to preparing and delivering their oral argument(s).

This externship is only open to third year students since a student must complete four semesters before being eligible to make an appearance in the Third Circuit under the Court's student practice rule. In order to be considered for Fall enrollment, interested students must submit an application before **5 PM on May 10, 2021**. All applications will be reviewed by Dechert and then they will select up to four. All applicants will be notified of their status shortly before the start of Advance Course Registration period in June so that they can choose their schedules accordingly.

If you would like to submit an application, please e-mail your application via **one pdf document** to externships@law.upenn.edu (put "Federal Appellate Externship" in the subject line). The pdf should contain: i) a one page statement of interest; ii) a resume; iii) a writing sample and iv) an unofficial transcript with your name on it. *Please note that students are not permitted to drop this Externship once Dechert has selected you, and you have opted to have the Registrar enroll you before Fall semester Advance Registration ends.*