

**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE SEAN C. RIORDAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LAW STUDENT EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Positions to be filled: U.S. Magistrate Judge Sean C. Riordan hires one full-time judicial extern for the following terms: Fall 2025 (approximately September through December), Spring 2026 (approximately January through April), and Summer 2026 (approximately May through August). Externs work approximately 40 hours per week in-person in the Sacramento federal courthouse. Externs will assist Judge Riordan and his staff with legal research and writing projects, and will perform other court-related functions as needed. The externship will focus on developing case management skills, conducting legal research, substantively analyzing pending motions, drafting legal memoranda, and providing opportunities for court observation.

Qualifications: Law students who have completed their first year of law school (or the equivalent for those in evening programs) may apply. Strong legal research and writing skills, and the ability to work independently are essential. A demonstrated commitment to public interest advocacy or public service and prior legal or non-legal work experience is preferred.

Application Process: Applications may be submitted directly to chambers. Applicants must submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample limited to ten (10) pages double spaced, and an unofficial transcript. **The use of generative artificial intelligence to draft application materials is prohibited.** Applications should be submitted by email to ddalporto@caed.uscourts.gov. Please ensure that document titles include the applicant's last name and document description (e.g., "Garcia-J_Resume_date.pdf"). Students who are currently in their first year of law school and applying for an externship after completing their first year of law school may supplement their application once transcripts become available. Each student's cover letter should indicate the time-period for which the student is applying. Offers will be extended at the discretion of chambers.

Interviews: If applications are submitted through a law school's OCI program or career fair, interviews will be conducted through the law school's interview platform or the career fair's interview platform. For all other applicants, interviews will be conducted in-person for students attending law school in Northern California, and by Zoom for students attending law school outside of Northern California.

Other: Judicial externs do not receive compensation from the court. All judicial externs are subject to a Code of Conduct, which can be found on the district court's website at www.caed.uscourts.gov (go to *Careers*> *Employment Information*> *Code of Conduct*). All judicial externs are required to undergo an FBI fingerprint background check. Moreover, all information provided in the application is subject to verification. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States. Applicants selected for a judicial externship will be required to complete (and provide acceptable documentation for) the Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification](#) form. International students should consult with their law school prior to applying to confirm this requirement can be met.

Questions regarding academic credit and law school requirements should be directed to the student's law school.