

Lewis & Clark Law School Externship Program
ON-SITE MENTOR WORKPLACE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please draft a letter addressed to:

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The letter must address the following points:

- 1. Explain with reasonable specificity the assignments you expect the Extern to be given.**
Students are expected to be given assignments that are as challenging as he or she can reasonably handle, including research, writing, client contact, court proceedings, negotiating and strategy sessions, policy work and analysis, caseload management, etc., depending on the nature of the legal work performed at the placement. Menial tasks e.g., filing, indexing, copying) are to be kept to a minimum, e.g. no more than 5% of the student's time.
- 2. Explain how you plan to communicate with the Extern.**
You should include information on the following:
 - How you will orient the Extern to his or her work;
 - How you will set learning objectives;
 - Your methods for giving assignments;
 - How you will promote full discussion of major tasks; and
 - Your methods of providing ongoing feedback both oral and written (including answering questions as they arise.)
- 3. Explain how you will ensure participation in all available activities.**
How do you plan to involve the Extern to the greatest extent possible in all available activities, including in-house meetings, client meetings, contact with opposing counsel, judges' conferences, staff meetings, document review, discovery, administrative proceedings, policy sessions, exposure to the development of policy and tactics on assigned projects where feasible, etc.
- 4. Explain the experience and qualifications you have that will allow you to provide a quality learning experience to the Extern.** Students are expected to be supervised by experienced legal professionals who are devoted to providing the student with a well-directed learning experience. Please include information regarding past experience overseeing law students or others, as well as what you view your role to be in regards to supervising an extern.
- 5. Professionalism and Ethics are an important part of the Extern's experience. Explain how you will engage the Extern in ethics and professionalism issues.**
Give some examples of some issues that have arisen or could arise in the placement setting, and ways in which you plan to provide training and involvement of the Extern in ethics and professionalism.

Sample letters from past Externship applications are available. If you would like a copy of a sample letter, please ask your student to provide you with one.

Once the letter has been finalized, please email it to your student as an attachment. The student will then be uploading it as part of an electronic submission of their application packet.