



## U.S. Department of Justice

### Criminal Division

Public Integrity Section

Washington, D.C. 20530

# LEGAL INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

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### **About the Office:**

PIN oversees the federal effort to combat corruption through the prosecution of elected and appointed public officials at all levels of government. PIN has exclusive jurisdiction over allegations of criminal misconduct on the part of federal judges and also monitors the investigation and prosecution of election and conflict of interest crimes. PIN attorneys prosecute selected cases against federal, state, and local officials, and are available as a source of advice and expertise to other prosecutors and investigators.

### **Job Description:**

Opportunities for legal internships are available for qualified candidates in the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section (PIN). Legal interns work closely with PIN trial attorneys on a range of investigative and litigation issues related to PIN's efforts to combat public corruption. Projects deal with the procedural and substantive aspects of criminal law and include researching and briefing complex legal questions, drafting motions, responses, and other litigation documents for active cases, and updating PIN's internal research resources. Legal interns typically work on a variety of projects during their internships, so as to better understand the breadth of PIN cases, and are offered opportunities to observe witness interviews, hearings and other proceedings, and to produce significant written work product. Interning for PIN is an intensive but rewarding experience and has been invaluable for prior interns, many of whom have gone on to clerk after graduation for both Federal District and Circuit Court Judges and some of whom have been accepted into the Department's extremely competitive Honors Program.

### **Qualifications:**

All applicants must be currently enrolled in law school and have a strong academic background, excellent research and writing skills, mature judgment, and a commitment to public service work.

Summer interns work full-time (40 hours a week) for at least 10 weeks. Fall and spring semester intern usually work part-time (16-20 hours a week) throughout the semester (10-12 weeks), although we have worked with law schools that permit full-time work in exchange for credit. Applicants should specify in their cover letter the term or terms for which they would like to be considered. If applying for a spring or fall internship, applicants should also identify whether they are available full-time or part-time.

Because of the sensitive nature of PIN's work, all offers are contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a security clearance.

### **Application Process:**

To apply, please submit via e-mail, in a single .pdf document, a cover letter, resume, law school transcript (official or unofficial), legal writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), and three references. Email application materials to [pin.interns@usdoj.gov](mailto:pin.interns@usdoj.gov).

### **Application Closing Dates:**

Summer Internships: January 15

Spring and Fall Internships: Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

**Number of Positions:** 4-8