

United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia Spring 2026 Law Student Externship

Newport News, Richmond, Norfolk, & Alexandria Divisions

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Program Description—This is an uncompensated law student externship for spring 2026. The program will start in January 2026 and conclude in May 2026. Assignments are primarily research and writing, but externs are responsible for assisting attorneys with all aspects of case preparation, including researching legal issues, drafting pleadings, interviewing witnesses, and providing trial support.

Living accommodations and parking will not be provided. Applicants should contact their law schools about receiving class credit or a public interest stipend.

Qualifications—Applicants must be U.S. citizens and second- or third-year students actively enrolled in an accredited law school throughout the spring 2026 semester. Offers are contingent on the selected applicants successfully completing a background review.

Application Materials—Please submit three PDF files as described below:

- The first should include a cover letter and resume, each no longer than a single page, in a **single combined PDF attachment using the filename format LastnameFirstname** (e.g., SmithJane.pdf).
- The second PDF should include a writing sample of no greater than 15 pages in a **single combined PDF using the filename format LastnameFirstnameWritingSample** (e.g., SmithJaneWritingSample.pdf).
- The third PDF should include your current law school transcript using the format **LastnameFirstnameTranscript**.

Additional materials (including references) may be requested during interviews, which will be conducted on a rolling basis as soon as applications are reviewed.

Applications must be emailed to the following individuals:

- Newport News Division: (Criminal Only): eric.hurt@usdoj.gov
- Richmond Division (Criminal Only): stephen.miller@usdoj.gov
- Norfolk Division (Criminal Only): rebecca.gantt@usdoj.gov
- Alexandria Division (Civil and Criminal): matthew.mezger@usdoj.gov

Application Deadline and Interview Process—Applications **must be received by Wednesday, October 15, 2025**. Applicants will only be contacted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for additional information or to schedule an interview, not to confirm receipt of your application.

Department Policies—The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, or on the basis of personal favoritism.