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Superior Court's Legal Extern Program Now Accepting Applications *College students encouraged to apply for summer program*

PHOENIX (March 14, 2022) – College students with a passion for the rule of law will get a chance to learn from some of the best jurists and legal minds in the country this summer.

On June 6, the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County is launching its 2022 Summer Extern Program. Enrolled law school, undergraduate and graduate students who want to learn more about the court system are encouraged to apply no later than March 31. Students from diverse academic backgrounds who have an interest in the judiciary and courts are encouraged to apply.

To apply, visit: www.mcscsummerexperience.com/2022-application.

“Through the years, we have received amazing feedback from students. They appreciate the enthusiasm and insights from judicial officers and seeing all of the little idiosyncrasies of the Court,” Judge Ronda Fisk said. “For many of them, this program will strengthen their resolve to become attorneys.”

Depending on their assigned judge, externships can be virtual, in-person or a hybrid. This year there are almost 60 participating judicial officers, whose names are listed on the application website. The summer externship is an unpaid position that will provide students first-hand knowledge of how one of the largest court systems in the country operates.

The extern and judicial officer will determine how long the externship will last. There will be formal programming from June 6 to July 18. Each week, students will be introduced to a new area of law. The students will have an opportunity to participate in brown bag lunch trainings, observe court hearings and attend debriefs with judges. They will also have a chance to work on various written research projects. All Maricopa County Superior Court departments – Civil, Probate, Family, Juvenile and Criminal – will be featured in the program. The last week of the externship will focus on legal employment opportunities with the Judicial Branch.

“As an extern with the Court, students will have an opportunity to watch what attorneys say and do in court and determine whether that is something they can see themselves doing one day. They also get to meet and network with other externs and judicial officers. The externship program is a wonderful opportunity to help shape and sharpen a student’s career path in the law,” Judge Frank Moskowitz said.

To learn more about the Summer Extern Program, visit: www.mcscsummerexperience.com.

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The Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County is comprised of Superior Court, Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation, which includes juvenile detention. The Judicial Branch in Maricopa County is the fourth largest trial court system in the nation and, along with its 3,200 employees, is dedicated to providing a safe, fair and impartial forum for resolving disputes, enhancing access to services, and providing innovative, evidence-based practices that improve the safety of the community and ensure the public's trust and confidence in the Judicial Branch. For more information, visit www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov.