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The Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, New Orleans Office of the Chief Counsel, Memphis Sub-Office seeks to host a successful and competitive Volunteer Intern Program that provides students with an insight into immigration law. The Memphis Sub-Office employs Assistant Chief Counsels (ACCs) who represent ICE in administrative removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review and provide legal advice to operational components of the agency.

The Memphis Sub-Office accepts legal interns on a volunteer basis. In some instances, your law school may allow for school credit based on your employment with DHS through a clinical program or through your school's Pro Bono program. We will work with students to accommodate all classroom obligations for these programs.

Working for DHS will provide valuable legal writing opportunities and unmatched litigation experience. All interns will attend immigration hearings and may even be offered the opportunity to appear in court on behalf of the Federal Government under the supervision of an experienced attorney. While a class in immigration law is encouraged, it is not necessary. We offer training to provide a basis for the required assignments. The experience gained through our intern program will greatly enhance resumes and aid law students in their future endeavors. In fact, many of the agency's recent new attorney hires have served as legal interns.

During the summer we seek students who are able to work 40 hours per week for a minimum of 8 weeks. Before commencing employment with ICE, all applicants must successfully complete a background investigation, which includes a credit check, security clearance, and drug testing. Additionally, all applicants must be United States citizens.

The 2019 Summer Volunteer Intern Program is expected to begin May/June 2019. All interested law students should submit a cover letter and resume to OPLAMemInterns@ice.dhs.gov no later than Friday, February 22, 2019.

Questions regarding the Volunteer Intern Program should be directed to Assistant Chief Counsel, Ashley Palumbo Kunzman or Assistant Chief Counsel, Jake Hayes at (901)-544-0630 or via e-mail: Ashley.P.Kunzman@ice.dhs.gov or Jake.R.Hayes@ice.dhs.gov. For additional information about our office, please visit our web site at https://www.ice.gov/opla.