

**2018 SUMMER JUDICIAL OBSERVATION & EXPERIENCE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:      *FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018***

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 **Rising 3L**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Prior to May 1:**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**After May 1, if different:**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously participated in this program?  Yes  No

Do you have an interest in observing State Appellate Courts?  Yes  No Federal Court?  Yes  No

Administrative Law Court?  Yes  No Probate Court?  Yes  No

**Rank in order (1 being highest interest) the counties in which you are interested and willing to participate. Check as many selections as appropriate. *Note: Demand is always highest for Charleston and Richland counties. You will improve your likelihood of being selected if you can participate in other counties within reasonable driving distance from Columbia and Charleston.***

<input type="checkbox"/> Aiken	<input type="checkbox"/> Chesterfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Newberry
<input type="checkbox"/> Allendale	<input type="checkbox"/> Clarendon	<input type="checkbox"/> Hampton	<input type="checkbox"/> Oconee
<input type="checkbox"/> Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Colleton	<input type="checkbox"/> Horry	<input type="checkbox"/> Orangeburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Bamberg	<input type="checkbox"/> Darlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Jasper	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickens
<input type="checkbox"/> Barnwell	<input type="checkbox"/> Dillon	<input type="checkbox"/> Kershaw	<input type="checkbox"/> Richland
<input type="checkbox"/> Beaufort	<input type="checkbox"/> Dorchester	<input type="checkbox"/> Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Saluda
<input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley	<input type="checkbox"/> Edgefield	<input type="checkbox"/> Laurens	<input type="checkbox"/> Spartanburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Calhoun	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Lee	<input type="checkbox"/> Sumter
<input type="checkbox"/> Charleston	<input type="checkbox"/> Florence	<input type="checkbox"/> Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Union
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee	<input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown	<input type="checkbox"/> Marion	<input type="checkbox"/> Williamsburg
<input type="checkbox"/> Chester	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenville	<input type="checkbox"/> Marlboro	<input type="checkbox"/> York

**If accepted to participate in the 2018 program, I agree to complete the required ethics training and program evaluation, and to conduct myself in a professional manner at all times during my participation in the program. I understand that this is an unpaid position and that I will not receive academic credit for my participation.**

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**Applicant Signature**

**Office Use Only:    Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_    Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Fifteenth Annual Judicial Observation and Experience Program**

The South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession is sponsoring a judicial observation program again this summer. This program is administered by the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism for students at the USC School of Law and the Charleston School of Law. The Judicial Observation and Experience (JOE) program offers you an opportunity to intern with state trial court judges circuit, family, master-in-equity, administrative law court, probate court, appellate court judges, or federal judiciary in South Carolina.

The goal of the program is to provide law students with additional insight into the workings of our judicial system. Students may expect to observe court when it is in session and to have an opportunity to discuss with the judge the events they have observed. A judge may also ask the student volunteer to engage in research or other work typically performed by a judicial law clerk. The exact nature of the experience will vary from judge to judge.

**Length and Timing of the Program:** This will be an unpaid position, and students will not receive any law school academic credit. The internship should be scheduled during May, June, July, or early August. It is strongly recommended that the student participate for a two-week period during the summer. The experience may be part-time or full-time. **Each interested student who is matched with a judge must contact the judge to arrange a mutually agreeable work schedule.** It is anticipated that there will be sufficient flexibility to allow a student to attend class or to maintain a summer job, depending on the cooperation of the student's employer, while participating in the program. When students work partial days, it is recommended that they spend a significant portion of the day with the court and not simply attend a single hearing or meeting and leave. **Once an arrangement is reached between the student and judge, however, the student will be expected to adhere to the schedule agreed upon.**

Applications for the program are attached. **If you wish to be considered for this program, return the completed application to your school's Office of Career Services no later than Friday, January 26.** You should indicate on your application all counties in which you would be willing to work. After receiving applications, students will be matched with a judge in one of those counties. Assignments will be made in the order that applications are received based on space availability. You will be notified by April 6 if you have been assigned to a judge.

Demand is greatest for Charleston and Richland counties. You may improve your likelihood of being selected if you can participate in other counties. Also you may wish to consider locations within commuting distance. Because of court schedules, judges may sit in some counties on an occasional basis only. Each student participant will be required to attend an ethics seminar, which will be offered at your law school, and to complete a survey following the internship.

**If you obtain summer employment after applying to JOE and will be unable to participate, or your location changes and you still wish to participate, please contact Sharon Williams, program administrator.**

**Please note:**

**Students who participate in the JOE program for a minimum of two weeks may obtain one Rule 403 trial experience. The 403 certificate (Required by the South Carolina Supreme Court) is available at: [www.sccourts.org/forms/pdf/SCACRIV403.pdf](http://www.sccourts.org/forms/pdf/SCACRIV403.pdf)**

**For questions please contact Sharon Williams at 803-777-8390 or e-mail [scwillia@law.sc.edu](mailto:scwillia@law.sc.edu).**

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