

**STATE UNIVERSITY of NEW YORK
UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY and UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Office of University Counsel**

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Time Requirements:	<u>Academic Year</u> : Average of 8 hours / week or 12 hours / week.
Position Requirements:	Demonstrated interest in health issues required; additional interest in employment issues preferred.
# of Externs per Academic Year:	1
Summer Participation:	No
# of Externs per Summer:	N/A
Website:	N/A
Special Note(s):	N/A

The Office of University Counsel provides in-house legal support to SUNY Upstate Medical University and University Hospital, dealing extensively with health law, labor and employment law, contracting, academic law, medical malpractice issues, and aspects of patient care.

The following are some of the duties of this office: reviewing hospital and campus contacts; handling labor and employment disputes; providing general legal counsel and providing counsel to the hospital in connection with medical malpractice issues; working with risk management and compliance offices; advising on patient care policy issues; and coordinating litigation relating to allegations of medical malpractice and civil rights violations.

This externship opportunity provides the extern exposure to issues the office of University Counsel addresses on a daily basis. Externs confront current and complex problems that face state hospitals and educational facilities, administrative issues, and a variety of national and local health care issues. This externship will allow students to experience first hand the multi-faceted inner workings of a major academic and tertiary care facility in an atmosphere that encourages legal growth and learning. The prospective extern must possess strong research, writing, and analytical skills.

Externs who select this placement will work closely with three attorneys on research assignments and will draft legal memoranda, analyze statutes, regulations and policies, attend meetings with hospital and campus staff, review and draft contracts, and generally experience the intense variety of complex legal issues facing in-house attorneys.