

THE HONORABLE BRYAN R. HEDGES
Onondaga County Family Court

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Time Requirements:	<u>Academic Year:</u> Average 12 hours / week preferred; Average 8 hours / week possible if split between 2 work days. <u>Summer:</u> Average 21 hours / week minimum.
Position Requirements:	None
# of Externs per Academic Year:	Up to 2 (preferably one 2L and one 3L)
Summer Participation:	Yes
# of Externs per Summer:	2 (Students must continue into the next Academic Year)
Website:	http://www.courts.state.ny.us/5jd/onondaga.html
Special Note(s):	N/A

This externship is designed to give the extern practical experience in the area of family law, writing for publication, and the practical skills of regarding how an attorney should proceed in a contested court proceeding.

Externs will be responsible for researching law on various family law and other Supreme Court civil legal issues, writing memorandums, and assisting with writing judicial opinions. Externs will have the opportunity to observe various court proceedings including trials, hearings, and settlement negotiations.

Family Court handles child neglect and abuse matters; child custody, visitation and support; paternity proceedings; domestic violence matters; adoptions; juvenile delinquency and Person In Need of Supervision (PINS) proceedings; proceedings to terminate parental rights (TPR's); and foster care review matter.

Judge Hedges' Supreme Court assignments range from matrimonial cases to malpractice litigation as well as trials. Externs will participate in every step of the process, supervised by William F. Dowling, Esq., who is the Court Attorney to Judge Hedges.

Externs will be given a wide range of duties, as the court views the externship program as a valuable learning tool for the law student and a fine opportunity to gain invaluable legal experience.