

THE HONORABLE JOAN E. SHKANE
Oneida County Family Court

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Time Requirements:	<u>Academic Year:</u> Average of 12 hours / week or Average of 8 hours / week. <u>Summer:</u> Average of 21 hours / week.
Position Requirements:	Interest in family law or litigation
# of Externs per Academic Year:	1
Summer Participation:	Yes
# of Externs per Summer:	1
Website:	N/A
Special Note(s):	N/A

Externs may work with the Family Court Judge, Judicial Hearing Officers, Support Magistrate and the Court Attorney Referee at Oneida County Family Court, Rome, New York. Westlaw and Lexis are available in the Judge's chambers (Rome) and Supreme Court Law Library (Utica).

Family Court has jurisdiction over 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 and foster care review.

Externs may participate in every step of the Family Court process. They will observe court proceedings; research and draft memoranda of law; participate in in-chambers conferences between the Judge and her law clerk; observe and participate in pre-trial conferences and pre-trial Motion practice; and prepare draft opinions.

A special project is anticipated for one intern to assist in the preparation of a comprehensive "Bench Book" for the Judge to reference during all types of Family Court proceedings. This project is anticipated for the school year 2008 -2009 and may involve significantly less travel to Rome, as work may be exchanged through e-mail.