

**THE HONORABLE THOMAS J. McAVOY  
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT**

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<b>Time Requirements:</b>	<u>Academic Year:</u> Average 12 hours / week only. <u>Summer:</u> 25 -30 hours / week minimum.
<b>Position Requirements:</b>	None
<b># of Externs per Academic Year:</b>	2
<b>Summer Participation:</b>	Yes
<b># of Externs per Summer:</b>	2
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.nynd.uscourts.gov">http://www.nynd.uscourts.gov</a>
<b>Special Note(s):</b>	N/A

Judge McAvoy's docket includes both civil and criminal matters. He has two full-time law clerks that assist in researching and writing court decisions. The Courthouse has two courtrooms and a library with complete federal resources and limited New York State resources, WESTLAW, LEXIS, and computers outfitted with WordPerfect software.

Students are selected on the basis of strong research and writing abilities; they are expected to take full responsibility for individual motions assigned to them and to prepare written opinions with the assistance of the Judge's law clerks. Work on motions includes all research and drafting and preparing final memoranda and decisions for publication. Knowledge of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the jurisdiction of the federal courts will prove helpful.

Students begin by working on civil rights cases filed by prisoners and some of the more straightforward habeas corpus petitions. Although students primarily spend their time on research and writing assignments, they are encouraged to observe a variety of court proceedings as part of their learning experience.

Students are expected to establish regular work schedules. A minimum of 10 -12 hours per week is required during the academic year. A minimum of 25 -30 hours per week is required during the summer.