

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Judge Gonzales seeks law students who are interested in externing in his chambers, preferably those who have completed two years of law school. Externs generally work twelve (12) hours per week during the spring and fall semesters, and up to twenty (20) hours per week during the summer. Although the externship is an unpaid position, externs typically receive law school credit for their externship, depending on the policy of the extern's law school.

Externs in Judge Gonzales' chambers are given a wide range of legal research and writing responsibilities and can expect to gain considerable insight into the federal judicial process during their externship. In Judge Gonzales' chambers, externs perform legal research and writing primarily related to dispositive motions in civil matters, such as motions to dismiss, motions to remand, and motions for summary judgment. Externs may also perform legal research and writing relating to motions to suppress in criminal cases. In addition, externs may be asked to attend motion hearings, pleas, sentencings, pretrial conferences and trials.

Applicants for externships must have superior research and writing skills, preferably with experience on a law review or journal. In addition, candidates should be self-motivated, display significant academic achievement, and have a good sense of humor.

To apply for an externship position in Judge Gonzales' chambers, interested candidates should submit the following materials to Hon. Kenneth J. Gonzales, 100 N. Church Street, Law Cruces, NM 88001:

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Undergraduate transcript (at least 3 semesters)
- Law school transcript
- Two references (preferably from professors or former employers)
- Legal writing sample