

**Honorable Charles M. Walker
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Tennessee
Nashville Division
Judicial Externship Program**

The Judicial Externship Program involves the hiring of law students on a volunteer basis to work as judicial externs in chambers, and/or remotely, on a semester basis. The Program is administered and supervised by Senior Law Clerk, Mary Wilson. Also providing chambers staff support is Judge Walker's paralegal, Leah Johnson.

Under Ms. Wilson's supervision, the externs are provided training in motion briefing and docket preparation, research, issue identification, case management, court decorum, and various other duties performed by law clerks to federal judges.

The externs work closely with chambers staff, specifically the law clerk, and are afforded opportunities to participate in discussions with Judge Walker regarding pending matters and rulings, as well as attending court sessions including motion dockets, evidentiary hearings/trials, and oral arguments.

The program has been described as a training format for federal judicial law clerks and several externs have gone on to judicial law clerk appointments.

Ms. Wilson hires 1-3 externs per semester and encourages collaboration between the students on projects. The externs will also become part of the program's extern "family" – a network that is encouraged and maintained by chambers staff.

Applications, which should include a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and transcript (unofficial is acceptable), can be submitted to via email: CR2_Calendar@tnmb.uscourts.gov