



SCHOOL OF LAW
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCY EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN PUBLIC POLICY

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FOUR TEXAS A&M SCHOOL OF LAW STUDENTS HEAD TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Texas A&M School of Law will be sending four students to Washington, D.C. in spring 2018 as part of its Residency Externship Program in Public Policy. The students will experience policymaking firsthand during their unique placements, as well as engage in a substantive seminar with leading policymakers and public sector stakeholders. The students and placements are as follows:

JOSHUA RAMIREZ – Mr. Ramirez is a third-year law student. He will be working with the Association of Public Land-grant Universities. This is a unique placement for Texas A&M students. Mr. Ramirez is the first student to be placed in this office and he will be paving the way for future law student placements with APLU.

HOPE SHELTON – Ms. Shelton is a third-year law student. She will be working with CropLife America, which advocates for the plant sciences industry. Ms. Shelton will work with the legal, government relations, and regulatory departments during her placement. This unique placement, facilitated by Professor Gabriel Eckstein, is new for Texas A&M students. Ms. Shelton is the first student to be placed in this office and, like Mr. Ramirez, she is paving the way for future placements with this office.



SHELBY STERLING – Ms. Sterling is a third-year law student. She will be working with the Committee on



Upcoming Events – D.C.

January 10, 2018 – First day of class at the Texas A&M Federal Relations Office

February 15, 2018 – Guest Speaker, **Jerry Strickland**, Office of State-Federal Relations, Office of the Texas Governor, Greg Abbott

March 1, 2018 – Visit with **Roscoe Jones**, Legislative Director for Senator Dianne Feinstein, Dirksen SOB

March 22, 2018 – Guest Speaker, **Susan Dudley**, Director, George Washington Regulatory Studies Center, former head of OIRA

March 29, 2018 – Guest Speaker, **Michael Zeldin**, CNN Legal Analyst, former Independent Counsel

April 23-25, 2018 – Aggies on the Hill

“This program offers an unparalleled opportunity to be immersed in a fast-paced and demanding work environment outside of Texas.”

*--Shelby Sterling, 3L
U.S. House of Representatives
Homeland Security Committee*

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Homeland Security (Majority) for the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Sterling is following in the footsteps of another A&M law student, Thomas Connally (now counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Space and Technology) in this position. Ms. Sterling is continuing the tradition of placing A&M law students with this important congressional committee.

LAUREN THOMAS – Ms. Thomas is a second-year law student. She will be working in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Thomas is the first student to work with this Division on its various regulatory and litigation matters involving criminal law, appellate, administrative law, natural resources and environmental law, bankruptcy, land acquisition, and Indian law.

“I truly believe public policy is the best way for me to have an impact on the communities, both foreign and domestic, that I care about.”

*--Joshua Ramirez, 3L
Association of Public &
Land-grant Universities*

The Residency Externship Program in Public Policy offers students a unique opportunity to gain valuable legal experience in the public sector with a focus on the role of a lawyer in policymaking—including promulgation of law, rule making, regulation, enforcement, and advocacy. For more information, visit the Program's webpage, law.tamu.edu/rep-pp or contact Lisa A. Rich at larich@law.tamu.edu.

REP-PP WELCOMES NEW D.C. ADJUNCT, SCOTT SUDDUTH

The REP-PP is pleased to welcome Scott Sudduth to the team as its adjunct in Washington, D.C. Mr. Sudduth brings invaluable policy expertise to the Program and will provide students with unparalleled access to policymaking from a variety of perspectives.

In addition to serving as an adjunct in the REP-PP, Mr. Sudduth is the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director for Federal Relations for the Texas A&M University System. Among other things, Mr. Sudduth and his Washington-based team “provide a coordinated, system-wide approach to support funding initiatives and achieve policy goals for system members” across all levels of the federal government.

Mr. Sudduth previously has represented a number of other higher education institutions in Washington, D.C. as well. He was Chief of Staff for Representative Pete Geren (D-TX) and served on the staff of Senator Lloyd Bentsen where he handled a variety of complex issues, including tax and trade issues when Senator Bentsen was the chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

“We are delighted to have Scott joining the REP-PP this year,” said REP-PP director, Lisa A. Rich. “Scott’s incredible knowledge of policymaking, his deep ties to Texas and Texas A&M, and his experience working in higher education make him an invaluable resource for, and teacher of, our students.”



TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION WORKS WITH LAW SCHOOL TO CREATE EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Residency Externship Program in Public Policy is pleased to announce that it will be collaborating with the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) in Austin, Texas, to provide Texas A&M School of Law students several opportunities to serve as externs with TPPF throughout the year.

TPPF, a non-partisan, non-profit, organization dedicated to promoting and defending “liberty, personal responsibility, and free enterprise in Texas and the nation by educating and affecting policymakers and the Texas public policy debate with academically sound research and outreach” has eleven policy centers as well as a litigation group.

TPPF is a leader on policy issues important to Texas from the environment to criminal justice. Its advocacy both in and out of court is both well known and well respected throughout the state and the country. Externships with TPPF will provide students interested in the intersection of law and policy with irreplaceable opportunities to hone their policymaking skills, employ the legal skills they have learned throughout school, and significantly build their professional networks.

Upcoming Events – Fort Worth

January 17, 2018 – The REP-PP welcomes the **Rob Henneke** (General Counsel) and **Erin Wilcox** (Attorney) of the Texas Public Policy Foundation to the law school.
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

February 2, 2018 – **DEADLINE** for applying to TPPF for SUMMER 2018 externships

March 2018 – **Registration for Fall 2018.** If you are interested in participating in the REP-PP, be sure to meet with Professor Rich to discuss planning *before* registration!

April 27, 2018 – Graduation!

June 1, 2018 – **DEADLINE** for applying to the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy for Spring 2018.

July 1, 2018 – **DEADLINE** for acceptance in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy.



TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION OFFERS EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CON'T.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for Texas A&M law students to experience policymaking within the state of Texas,” said Lisa Rich. “The addition of opportunities with TPPF in Austin will significantly increase the law school’s presence in this important city and ensure that the public policy program is vibrant in Austin even when the legislature is not in session.”

Students interested in externships with TPPF should contact Professor Rich, Dean Erisuriz in Career Services, or Cecily Becker, Director of Externship Services.



Above, REP-PP students in Austin, Texas, spring 2017.

Below, REP-PP students in Washington, D.C., spring 2017

