We are excited to be entering our seventh year of turning Aggie lawyers into Aggie leaders.

Texas A&M School of Law Residency Externship in Public Policy

Aggie Law Students Head to Austin, Texas & Washington, D.C.

January 2022 - Four Texas A&M School of Law students headed to Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C. to begin their placements as part of the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy. Abigail Adkins (Class of 2022); Annie Birdsong (Class of 2022); Tyler Phillips (Class of 2022); and Rowan Pruitt (Class of 2023) were selected to participate in this year’s Program. Each of these exceptional students are serving as the first Texas A&M School of Law students in their respective placements –

Abigail Adkins – Texas Water Development Board (Austin)

Annie Birdsong – Merck Animal Health & The Humane Society of the United States (D.C.)

Tyler Phillips – Bracewell LLC, Policy Resolution Group (D.C.)

Rowan Pruitt – Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (D.C.)

“These unique placements demonstrate the broad reach of Texas A&M in the policy sector and our students’ significant skills,” said Program Director Lisa A. Rich. “I am so excited for these placement entities to see what Aggie lawyers can accomplish,” she continued.

Texas A&M School of Law is proud to be part of the Aggie Network, a network that helps our students explore the world of policymaking by opening doors to amazing placement opportunities. Aggie Law students then further that network by demonstrative superior analytic, research, communication, and policymaking
Rowan Pruitt, Class of 2023
I chose to attend Texas A&M School of Law primarily because of the Residency Externship Program for Public Policy and the opportunity to spend time in Washington D.C. I came to law school to prepare for a career in public

Tyler Phillips, Class of 2022
I am very excited about the exposure to a wide range of policy areas [this Program offers]

Annie Birdsong, Class of 2022
I chose to attend Texas A&M School of Law for many reasons, one of those being this program. I knew that I wanted my law career to take me to Washington, D.C. so I could work in the heart of policymaking. I applied to several D.C. area law schools, but TAMU made the most sense for me and got me to my end goal

Abigail Adkins, Class of 2022
I am very excited to be the first Program student to extern at the Texas Water Development Board. This placement is
DRAFTING FOR PUBLIC POLICY COURSE BRINGS TEXAS POLICY LEADERS TO THE LAW SCHOOL

Professor Tom Krampitz Brings Policy & Policymakers to the Classroom

Texas A&M School of Law recognizes the importance of communication in the legal and policymaking spaces. For example, it requires students to take a minimum of three semesters of legal writing, including unique upper-level courses that focus on specific drafting and communication techniques that law students might not experience otherwise. One of these courses is Drafting for Public Policy that is designed to introduce students to the various types of communications (both oral and written) that they might encounter in the public sector such as, hearing testimony, “one pagers,” briefing documents, and pitch memoranda. This highly specialized course is a prerequisite for students participating in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy.

In Fall 2021, the course was taught by adjunct professor, Tom Krampitz. Professor Krampitz is a leader in Texas state and local policy. His breadth of experience was evident in the guest speakers he brought into the Drafting for Public Policy course. In just 12 short weeks, Professor Krampitz introduced his students to the following Texas policy leaders—

1. **Honorable Andy Eads** - Denton County Judge (Denton)
2. **Honorable Mattie Parker** - Fort Worth Mayor (Fort Worth)
3. **Rob Kepple** - Executive Director of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association and Adjunct Professor, UT School of Law (Austin)
4. **Ben Taylor** - Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Brian Babin (Washington, D.C.)
5. **Kasey Pipes** - Principal, Corley & Pipes Governmental Affairs, former speechwriter and policy advisor to President George W. Bush (Ft. Worth)
6. **Paul Wageman** - Attorney, Winstead P.C, and Chair, Dallas Rapid Transit Authority (DART) board, former chair of North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and Texas Sunset Commission board member (Dallas)
7. **Cheraya Pena** - Spotlight Communication Strategies, and former Press Secretary, City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth)
8. **Honorable Phil King** - State Representative District 61 (Weatherford)

*These offices have hosted Aggie Law students in multiple years.*

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**Placements Demonstrate Extent of Aggie Law’s Reach**

*Students in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy have had placements in a vast array of agencies, departments, advocacy organizations, and non-profits. Students in the Program work with the Director to find the placement that works for them and their post-graduate goals. The program boasts a 100% bar passage rate and a nearly 100% post-graduation employment rate.*

**ACLU, Washington Legislative Office**

**Office of Congressman Joe Barton**

**Open Society Institute**

**Sen. John Cornyn; Judiciary Committee**

**EEOC**

**NRA**

**Texas Railroad Commission**

**Texas Health Services Authority**

**Office of Gov. Greg Abbott, Budget & Policy Division**

**Texas Hotel & Lodging Association**

**Senate State Affairs Committee**

**Senate Committee on Homeland Security**

**Office of Immigration**
LAWYER IN GOVERNMENT SEMINAR
CONNECTS STUDENTS TO D.C. POLICYMAKERS

Professor Kerry Kinirons Brings Her Knowledge of Policymaking to TAMU Law

In addition to their full-time placements in policy positions, TAMU Law students in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy take an innovative capstone seminar course entitled, The Lawyer in Government. For the last two years, this course has been taught in Washington, D.C. by adjunct professor Kerry Kinirons. Professor Kinirons is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations for the Texas A&M System. She brings decades of experience in policymaking to the classroom to help students understand the unique role of government and policy attorneys. Professor Kinirons shares her impressive network with students as well. Currently, her students are expecting to hear from the following policymakers –

1. **Thomas Parker Connally** - Deputy General Counsel & Parliamentarian, Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight, House Science, Space, and Technology Committee *(Tom was in the first class of the TAMU Law Residency Externship Program in Public Policy)*

2. **Dr. Leslee Gilbert**, J.D., Ph.D., Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates

3. **Greg Winfree**, Esq., Director – Texas A&M Transportation Institute, former Assistant Secretary for Research & Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation

4. **Monica Sanders**, Esq., Professor-Georgetown University, former Management Analyst & Attorney, International Judicial Relations Committee

5. **Terri Stewart**, Esq., Vice President for Global Innovative Franchise Medicines Policy, EMD Serono

6. **Cherae Bishop**, Senior Vice President for Government Relations, American Red Cross

**PLACEMENTS CONT’D**

| Texas Department of Agriculture |
| Senate Business & Commerce Committee, Texas Legislature* |
| Office of Gov. Greg Abbott, Budget & Policy Division |
| Senate State Affairs Committee, Texas Legislature |
| Texas Public Policy Foundation, Washington, D.C. Office |
| Republican Study Committee, US House of Representatives |
| Environmental Law Institute |
| Cornerstone Government Affairs |
| Office of Senator Patty Murray |
| Sen. John Cornyn; Judiciary Committee |
| Texas Public Policy Foundation, Right on Crime Initiative |
| Sen. Dianne Feinstein; Judiciary Committee |
| Concord Coalition |
| Federal Aviation Administration |
| US Department of Justice |
| Mexican American Legislative Caucus (for TX Rep. Rafael Anchia) |
| Merck Animal Science (Govt Relations) & Human Society of the United States Washington, D.C. |
| Bracewell Guiliiani Washington, D.C. |
| Federal Mediation Center Washington, D.C. |
| Texas Water Development Board, Austin |