

# LAW 8044: Externship:University Counsel

Enrollment: Approval is required to enroll in this externship. Please <http://www.law.villanova.edu/experientiallearning/clinicsandexternships/externships.asp> click here for more information. This Externship has positions in two different divisions of the University Counsel's Office. One is with the Vice President's Office and the other with the Compliance Office of the Athletics Department. Athletics Department, Compliance Office Students participating in this program will serve as externs in the Compliance Office of the Villanova University Department of Athletics. The Compliance Office is responsible for ensuring that members of the University's staff, student-athletes and other individuals or groups representing the University's athletic interest comply with applicable rules and regulations of the NCAA, The Big East Conference, the Atlantic 10 Conference, the Patriot League, the Colonial Athletic Association, and Villanova University. Student-externs will research compliance issues of concern to Villanova Athletics and assist with any related projects under the supervision of attorneys and staff from the Compliance Office. Past student-externs improved the Athletics Department's website on compliance and drafted a coach's handbook on NCAA regulations. Students are required to spend at least twelve (12) hours per week at the Compliance Office. In addition, each extern will be required to maintain a journal of experiences and work done in the externship, to meet bi-weekly with the Law School supervisor, and to evaluate the externship in writing at the end of the semester. Office of General Counsel: The Office of the Vice President and General Counsel is responsible for all legal matters affecting the University. Among their responsibilities, the University's attorneys monitor federal and state legislation to ensure the University is in compliance with its legal obligations; assist in formulating and implementing institutional strategies to avoid future legal problems; oversee litigation involving the University; review contracts between the University and outside vendors or agencies; coordinate the response to subpoenas and other requests for information; review proposed policies and procedures; and handle zoning, tax and other issues relating to the University's real estate holdings. Grading for both sections will be on a pass/fail basis. The supervising attorneys will evaluate students; however, the final grade is the responsibility of the Law School supervisor. GRADE PASS/FAIL

**Credits:** 3.0