

"[CLEO] helped a great many students launch successful careers in law and government, and it's refreshed the courts every year with keen young legal minds."

-Retired Judge Ezra H. Friedlander, pictured with 2015 CLEO Summer Intern BreAnna Smith



"The CLEO internship gave me the foundational skills that I needed to excel as a law student and develop meaningful relationships with my ICLEO class, professors, judges, and colleagues."

-BreAnna Smith,
Associate Attorney
& past CLEO intern



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Carr L. Darden Conference for Legal
Education Opportunity



Summer Law Internship at the
Court of Appeals of Indiana

Welcome from Chief Judge Robert R. Altice, Jr.



I am excited to provide you with information you can share with your students about the Carr L. Darden CLEO Summer Intern Program at the Court of Appeals of Indiana, our state's second highest court.

The CLEO program assists low-income or

educationally disadvantaged law students in Indiana in earning their degrees and pursue legal careers. The 10-week, paid internship matches students with judges on the Court and allows the students to get hands-on experience in the Court's work. The students also visit other state and federal courts, prosecutor and public-defender offices, and prisons.

The CLEO summer internship is a phenomenal opportunity that leads to your students creating lifelong connections. Judges act as mentors, exposing students in the program to appellate courts and appellate-court practice. Some of our past CLEO summer interns have accepted full-time positions with the Court after graduating from law school.

We will be accepting applications until January 10, and I look forward to receiving many wonderful applicants from your institution. Please pass along this information to any first- or second-year law student who may be interested in this opportunity.

Thank you for all that you do for the legal profession in Indiana, and please accept the Court's best wishes for a great spring semester.

What is the Carr L. Darden CLEO Summer Law Internship?

The Carr L. Darden CLEO Summer Law Internship is a 10-week, paid internship during which first- or second-year law students work closely with Court of Appeals judges to gain hands-on experience working with Court cases. Under the judges' supervision, interns will assist with administrative, clerical, and research tasks.

What are some of the tasks CLEO summer interns assist with?

Interns are placed under the supervision of Court of Appeals judges and assist with tasks that include writing memoranda on issues of law and writing/editing judicial opinions. In addition, CLEO summer interns have the opportunity to visit state and federal courts, prisons, prosecutor and public-defender offices, and learn about various legal career options.



"The program really helped to hone my (probably non-existent at the time) legal writing and research skills."

-Heather Smith
Court of Appeals Staff Attorney
and past CLEO intern

Applications must be submitted by January 10, 2025. We will conduct interviews on January 21, 2025. The program runs May 12, 2025, through July 18, 2025.

What are the requirements for applicants?

In order to apply, students must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be a minority, low income, or educationally disadvantaged college graduate.
- Applicants must have completed at least one year of curriculum at an accredited Indiana law school.
- Applicants must intend to sit for the Indiana Bar Exam upon graduation.
- Applicants must be ICLEO Fellows or certified by their law school as eligible for the ICLEO Program.

For what careers does the CLEO summer internship prepare students?

Many of the Court's CLEO interns have built successful legal careers at courts like the Court of Appeals; law offices such as Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP, South Bend; or as staff counsel for large corporations or organizations like Geico or the NCAA.

How do my students apply for the internship?

Students interested in applying should send a resume, two letters of recommendation, a writing sample, and, if applicable, certification from their law school that they are either ICLEO Fellows or that they are eligible to participate in the ICLEO program to coacleoprogram@courts.in.gov or to the following mailing address:

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