

Jeffrey Stonerock Externship FALL 2020



**The Veterans
Consortium**

PRO BONO PROGRAM®

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 30, 2020

The Veterans Consortium believes that our veterans – our nation's defenders, deserve the care, benefits and compensation they were promised, and the best legal services, free of charge, to meet their challenges.

OVERVIEW

The Jeffrey Stonerock Externship Project is a partnership with law schools to provide law students real-world experience in the veterans law and appellate practice areas.

The project is named for Jeffrey A. Stonerock, Esq., a former chairman of The Veterans Consortium, who passed away in 2011. Mr. Stonerock, a native of Dayton, Ohio, was a partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Baker Botts and a 1979 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY. Mr. Stonerock served 13 years on active duty with the Army and retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2001. His military career included service in the Judge Advocate General Corps and as an Army ranger and paratrooper. Mr. Stonerock got his law degree from Duke University in 1984 and a master's degree in law from the University of Virginia in 1989.

The Jeffrey Stonerock Externship is part of TVC's Law Scholars Program comprising internships, externships, fellowships, pro bono law clerks and related opportunities to serve veterans in need.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The externship will introduce the law student to the practice of appellate law and to the law of veterans benefits. He or she will experience a wide range of administrative law issues common to all federal agencies as well as issues unique to veterans law. The extern will be expected to complete research projects and draft legal memoranda with appropriate supervision. The extern will work with TVC staff and one or more mission partner organizations on projects that relate to the Pro Bono Program. The externship will take place during the fall, generally for a period of ten weeks.

QUALIFICATIONS:

An applicant must (1) be a student attending an accredited law school in the United States with a GPA of 2.75 or better; (2) be highly motivated and have a demonstrated interest in the mission of The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program; and (3) demonstrate excellent research, writing and communication skills.

COMPENSATION:

This externship is for credit only. Time commitment is based on credit hours.

HOW TO APPLY:

Send a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript and writing sample to Courtney L. Smith, Director of Volunteer Outreach & Education at courtney.smith@vetsprobono.org.

Please address the following questions in your cover letter:

- (1) Why do you want to work in the area of veterans law?
- (2) What is your motivation to work with veterans and their families, caregivers & survivors?
- (3) What sets you apart from other candidates?

Applications for the Fall 2020 externship should be emailed by August 30, 2020.

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