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- Hannah Carlin (Psychology, Political Science, 2015)
- Judicial Intern
- Full-time, 40 hours per week
- Unpaid but receiving Career Center Internship Grant

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I split my time between two projects: a mediation study and cataloguing criminal evidence. For the mediation project, I collect and enter data about the effectiveness of judicially ordered presumptive mediation in civil cases. I also work on inventorying and organizing the criminal evidence stored at the court.

How did you find your internship?
I found this internship through a pre-law email from Stephanie Ripley, the Tufts pre-law advisor.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
I most enjoy observing trials. The Judge allows all of his interns to sit in on hearings, conferences, and trials. We sit at sidebar so we have a chance to see and hear everything that happens in the courtroom.

What do you find challenging?
The most challenging thing about my internship has been learning to work with a variety of people. There are ten students (undergraduates and law students) who work for the Judge, and we collaborate on all of our work. This can be challenging from a communication standpoint.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
The Judge takes on interns for the fall and spring semesters, as well as the summer. If you’re at all interested in law, this is a great internship to consider. The Judge is great about hiring undergrads; he and the other interns are eager to teach new interns everything needed to be successful.

About the Organization
Middlesex Superior Court
Woburn, MA

The Massachusetts court system consists of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Appeals Court, the Executive Office of the Trial Court, the seven Trial Court departments, the Office of the Commissioner of Probation, and the Office of Jury Commissioner. The Superior Court Department has jurisdiction over most felonies, civil actions where the amount in controversy is over $25,000, and matters in which equitable relief is sought. The Superior Court has jurisdiction to review certain administrative decisions. It has fourteen divisions, one for each county, of which several hold sessions in more than one location. There are eighty-two authorized judges.