Division of Regional Affairs  
Binghamton Regional Office  
Student Mediator Externship  
Reference No. BHM_EXT/UG_SPR_2020

The Binghamton Regional Office (BHM) of the New York State Office of the Attorney General has externships available during the spring semester 2020 for undergraduate or graduate students to work as student mediators. In addition to other legal matters, the BHM prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, deceptive or illegal trade practices. Interested students must receive course credit for their work at the BHM as part of an independent study or externship program. In addition, students must be available to work at least 15 hours per week during the spring semester.

In addition to litigation, the BHM mediates thousands of complaints filed each year by individual consumers. A large percentage of these complaints are successfully resolved through an informal mediation process. Student mediators play an integral part of this mediation process.

Students are given the title of “Mediators” and act as consumer advocates in negotiating complaints against merchants. Each mediator is assigned a number of complaint files covering a broad range of consumer issues including retail sales, mail order transactions, credit transactions, telemarketing, warranty problems, home repair and automobile sales.

Students are exposed to the Office’s procedures and deal directly with consumers and merchants to resolve complaints. Students are taught interviewing techniques and will have the opportunity to develop analytical skills as they learn to focus on the underlying issues for each complaint. While each complaint is reviewed by a member of our professional staff, students typically exercise significant discretion and independent judgment. Professional staff and attorneys are always available to answer questions. The position provides students a high degree of responsibility and requires them to exercise excellent judgment. Applicants must be articulate, analytical, imaginative and organized. No specific experience is required.

At the time of hire, students are required to provide written confirmation from their schools indicating their acceptance into an externship program or an approved independent study. Additionally, this confirmation must indicate the appropriate externship contact at their school along with the parameters of the placement, including the employer’s responsibilities and the required minimum/maximum work hours to be completed. U.S. citizenship and NYS residency are not required.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are being received online. To apply, please click the link to apply: BHM_EXT/UG_SPR_2020.

Applicants will be taken to the online application page and must be prepared to submit a complete application consisting of the following:

♦ **Cover Letter**
  - You may address to Legal Recruitment.
  - Indicate in your cover letter whether there are any deadlines related to your candidacy.
  - Please indicate your availability.

♦ **Resume**

♦ **List of three (3) references.**
  - Only submit professional (i.e., supervisor or professor) references.
  - Indicate your professional relationship to each reference.
  - Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.

♦ **Transcript**
  - Unofficial transcript is acceptable.

♦ **Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your candidacy.**

If you have questions about a position with the OAG, the application process or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov.