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Maus Helps Interns Grow

Meet David Maus

While a majority of my college peers were completing internships with local police departments, I wanted something different. Probation work had always appealed to me.

When I began my internship I was assigned to one probation officer within the Milford office but soon found that I actually would be working to assist

several officers on a daily basis. During the course of my internship I was exposed to the duties of a probation officer, bail commissioner, prosecutor, public defender, treatment provider, community service coordinator, and also became familiar with several non-profit organizations that assist clients with their needs. I spent considerable time interviewing clients, verifying compliance

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Got Help?

Can you use an extra set of hands a couple of days of the week? Would you finally like to get that office project completed?

Whether you have a small office and staff or large one, the Volunteer/Intern Program can provide you with interns who can assist your office in day-to-day operations and projects.

We recruit students from various majors and backgrounds who have an interest in the judicial system. All applicants are thoroughly screened, interviewed, and trained prior to the initiation of their placement. The V/I staff monitors the progress of each student to ensure compliance with the Judicial Branch's Policies and Procedures.

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Intern Program Application Deadlines and Intern Orientation Date

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Event		Date
Applications for Fall 2006	must be received by	September 8, 2006
Intern Orientation	will be held on	September 21 and 22, 2006
Applications for Spring 2007	must be received by	January 5, 2007
Intern Orientation	will be held on	January 25 and 26
Applications for Fall 2007	must be received by	August 24, 2007
Intern Orientation	will be held on	September 13 and 14,

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What Schools Do Interns Come From?

By Volunteer/Intern Program Administration

One of the most frequently asked question is “What schools do the interns come from?” “Do you recruit from schools just in Connecticut?”

To give you some idea how the Intern Program has expanded, this summer our interns were recruited from 118 colleges and universities around the country. Below is a list of schools and cities from which our interns hail. Perhaps one of these is your alma mater! 

Yale University
Yale Law
Wheaton College
Western CT State University
Western New England Law
Washington and Lee University
Washington & Lee Law School
University of Bridgeport
University of Texas at El Paso
University of South Carolina
University of Scranton
University of Phoenix
University Of New Haven
University of Hartford
University of Miami
University of Miami Law
United States Naval Academy
University of Connecticut -Storrs
University of Connecticut-Stamford
University of Connecticut -Avery Point
University of Connecticut - West Hartford
University of Connecticut School of Social Work
University of Connecticut Law School
University of Connecticut -Avery Pt
Tunxis Community College
Trinity College
Three Rivers Community College
Syracuse Law
Susquehanna University
SUNY New Paltz
Suffolk Law
Stony Brook University
Stonehill College
St. Joseph College
St. John’s Law School
St. Joseph College
St. John’s University
Springfield College
Spelman College
Southern New England School of Law
Southern CT. State University
Seton Hall University
Sacred Heart University
Sawyer School
Saint Joseph College
Roger Williams University
Roger Williams Law School
Richmond University
Quinnipiac University
Quinnipiac School of Law
Providence College
Post University
Plymouth State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pace University Law
Pace University
Norwich University

118 Colleges and Universities

Norwalk Community College
Northwestern Law
Northwestern Connecticut Community College
Northeastern University
New York Law School
New England Law
New England College
Naugatuck Community College
Muhlenberg College
Mount Holyoke College
Mitchell College
Middlesex Community College
Middlebury College
Mercyhurst College
Mercy College
Mass. School of Law at Andover
Mass School of Law
Marist College
Manhattan College
Manchester Community College
Loyola University of Chicago
Loyola College of Maryland
Kaplan University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Indiana University School of Law
Howard University
Housatonic Community College
Hofstra Law
Gateway Community College
Franklin Pierce Law Center
Fairfield University
Endicott College
Elon University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Dominican College
Cornell University Law School
Connecticut College
Community College of Rhode Island
Colgate University
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Central CT State University
Case Western Reserve University Law
Capital Community College
Brown University
Brooklyn Law
Briarwood College
Branford Hall Career Institute
Boston University
Boston College Law
Binghamton university
Bay Path College
Bay Path College
Axia College Western international University
Appalachian State University
Amherst College
Albertus Magnus College
Albany Law School

INTERN CORNER

Summer Interns

When people think of the month of June, different thoughts come to mind: graduations, weddings, summer vacations and the prospect of enjoying long summer days and warm nights. But for many young people, the month of June meant the beginning of their summer internship placements.

From June to August, 222 students will assist Judicial Branch staff across the state, from Bantam to Norwich and almost everywhere in between. They are working in a wide variety of offices and courthouses, some for college credit, others simply for the experience.

Some of the placement sites include: Asset Forfeiture, Court Clerks’ Offices, CSSD Administration, Adult IAR and Supervision, Housing Session, Family Relations, Interpreter Services, Centralized Small Claims, Juvenile Probation and Detention, Information Technology Division, External Affairs, CSSD Training Academy, Community Court, and Court Service Centers.

The Judicial Branch welcomes these talented and energetic individuals and hopes their summer experiences will be memorable. 

Got Help?

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We currently are accepting applications from students who are seeking fall placements.

If you would like to have an intern for the upcoming semester please contact the V/I staff office at 860-282-6581 or log onto the Judicial Branch intranet site at <http://zeus/ExtAff/index.html> and complete the “Volunteer/Intern Request Form”.

Upon receipt of your request, the V/I staff will refer appropriate interns for you to interview. You may decline to accept an intern you may think is not suitable.

Volunteer Extraordinaire

Joseph Stafford

To watch Joseph Stafford at work is to see someone who has a deep concern for people and a sense of responsibility for his community.

On Thursdays and Fridays, you can find Joseph “Chet” Stafford at the front of the courtroom taking notes on dispositions, then conducting client interviews in a side office. His engaging personality has made it easier to process the clients referred to probation or pre-trial programs.

Folks like Joe Stafford inspire others to be better people. Joe, a retired sales manager, came into the judicial family twelve years ago and has been a volunteer extraordinaire, well liked by both the staff at the GA10 courthouse and the New London Office of Adult Probation.

As charming as he is, Joe is also a very dedicated volunteer in the courts as well as in other numerous community programs. “I was quite impressed when I interviewed Joe,” Juana W. Brown, coordinator of interns and volunteers, says. “His manner with people

made him an excellent candidate for a volunteer position in the court. Nevertheless, I was concerned that he would not be able to give us the time we needed. He was already a volunteer with his parish’s Al-Anon Program, the Department of Aging’s Hospice Program, and the Montville Juvenile Court. On top of all this, he coached a semi-pro baseball team. As it turns out, there was no need

for my concerns. Joe has been one of my most committed and consistent volunteers all of these years. He is a true gentleman and hard worker. I am very proud to have him as one of my volunteers.”



Joe is never short on compliments for his co-workers and is always on top of the latest sports events. Much to everyone’s delight, Joe has also made it his mission to keep a candy dish filled with treats for the court staff; you may even see a private attorney indulging

while waiting for court to resume. On occasion, he bakes delicious bread that he delivers to lucky offices while it is still warm.

Joe is a very dedicated volunteer whom we cherish and appreciate. 🏴

Community Court Got Support!



Elis Batista and Ashley Walcott are Hartford Community Court interns. They have been assisting the Community Court staff with their day-to-day operations since June. Elis and Ashley have done a great job and have learned a great deal as well. The V/I staff wish them all the best as they prepare to leave for college.

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with court ordered conditions, covering court and assisting in field and office work. It wasn't long into my internship that I decided that I wanted to make a career in this field.

After working with a non-profit organization in Norwalk doing case management for pre-trial clients, I eventually had the chance to interview for a probation officer position. It was then I realized how much I had learned during the internship and how valuable it would be to me.

When I had been on the job for a year in Middletown, I contacted the Volunteer/ Intern Coordinator and requested a college

intern. I felt obligated to give someone the same opportunity that I had during my internship. I soon realized that I was now benefiting from the assistance that an intern gives on a daily basis. I continue to request interns to assist me in managing my daily work assignments because I know firsthand what an outstanding service to our division the program provides for both the interns and the staff members for whom they work.

In the last eight years, I have had approximately eight interns. I continue to keep in regular contact with most of them, and it is satisfying to know that many of them have gone on to careers in the field, including probation. 

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Did you know during 2005

- 500 interns worked in various offices and courthouses around the state
- Interns contributed more than 61,618 hours of service to the Judicial Branch
- Volunteers contributed more than 5,200 hours of service to the Judicial Branch

Half of our current volunteers have been contributing their time for more than seven years . . .

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