

## Application Deadlines and Orientation Schedules

### Paralegal, Graduate & Undergraduate Studies.

Applications for Fall 2010 must be received by August 20, 2010  
Intern Orientation will be held on September 9 and 10, 2010

### Law Studies.

Applications for Fall 2010 must be received by August 27, 2010  
Intern Orientation will be held on September 2, 2010

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Volunteer/Intern Program Approaches its 40<sup>th</sup> Year

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## Volunteer/Intern Program Working to Meet Students' Goals

As the Volunteer/Intern Program approaches its 40th year, it continues to expand its efforts to meet the needs and goals of the Judicial Branch. Education has always been an integral part of the program, from the earliest days when volunteers mentored young people on probation, to the current intern program, which annually provides nearly 500 college students with internships throughout the Judicial Branch.

### Strategic Plan Includes Education

When the V/I Program became part of External Affairs in 2002, it became part of the educational component of the smallest Branch division. With a staff of only a dozen people, External Affairs wears many hats and is responsible for legislative affairs, communications and media relations, as well as public education. It is in the last area that the Public Service & Trust Commission's strategic plan for the Branch established a goal for External Affairs to expand efforts to reach students at the early stages of career exploration.

One of the ways that this goal is being addressed is by participating in career fairs being held in state high schools. Volunteer/Intern Coordinators have visited several fairs during the fall and spring months: Kolbe Cathedral High School in Bridgeport, Trumbull High School, Rocky Hill High School, East Hartford High School and Regional High School, which includes students from Bantam, Litchfield, Torrington and Winsted.



### Other Opportunities for High School Students

The V/I Program provides other opportunities for students to explore careers in the legal field. The Job Shadow Program runs from February to April. High schools select dates on which they will send students to be paired with Judicial employees for a half-day. Students can choose the positions or area in which they would like to be placed. Every effort is made to meet the requests of students, but even when substitutions have to be made, the results have been enthusiastic and positive.

The Court Aide Program is also designed for high school students. There are two sessions: the spring session runs from April 1st to May 30th and the summer session from June 1st to July 31st. The goal of this program is to provide high school students with actual work experience while educating them about the law and the criminal justice system. Last year 32 students participated.

## From Court Aide to Intern

As a high school student, Emanuel (Manny) Morales spent many hours last summer working as a Court Aide in the Hartford Community Court. Now Manny is a student at Capital Community College and is continuing to work in the courthouse as an intern. Court Planner Chris Pleasanton said, "Everyone who worked with him during the summer really liked Manny and we are very happy to have him back now that he is in college."



## New London Court Aides



Court Aides Marisa Evans and Nicholas Damato  
Along with work experience, the Court Aide program is a way for high school students to practice professionalism. The students placed in New London Superior Court were the picture of professionalism. These students understood that no task is too small and approached all of their work eagerly and with great care. Of their outstanding work, their supervisor said: "Both were capable and willing to complete all tasks assigned to them. They demonstrated a high level of maturity and attention to detail."

## Intern Program Goes Global



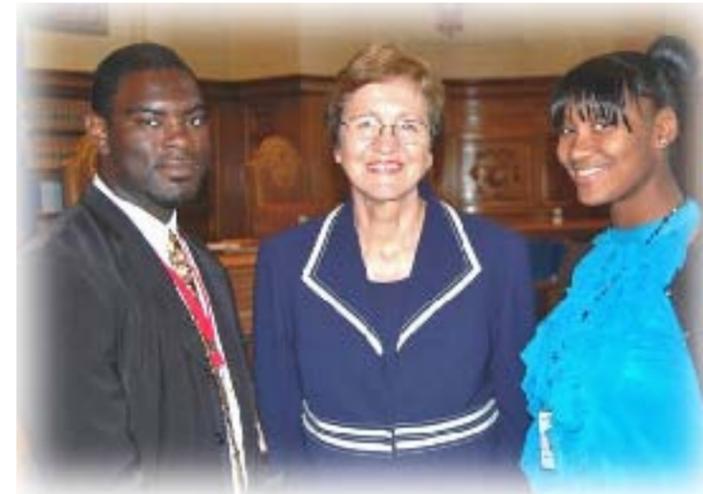
Laura Bater from Gloucester, England completed her internship with Community Court.

### Community Court an international attraction

As an example of the uniqueness of the Hartford Community Court, students from foreign countries seem to be attracted to the concept of a court dealing with "quality of life" crimes. The most recent of these students was Laura Bater, a student attending Cardiff University in Wales.

Laura was in her final year of studies and working toward a major in criminology and law. She had contacted the Judicial Branch Intern Program because she wanted to learn how the U.S. court system functions in comparison to the British courts with which she is familiar. The experience proved rewarding for both Laura and her workplace host.

## Judicial Staff Assist Students in Career Exploration



Terell Wilson, Judge Barbara Quinn and Megan Gomez



At GA 13 in Enfield, Adult Probation Officer Karen Hurdle and the Honorable Richard Dyer hosted Suffield High School student Ewa Lojewska.



Hartford Adult Probation Officers LynNequa Spence and Jeff Luciano hosted East Hartford High School students Jai Eschoe and Davis Laureano.



Shari DeLuca gives a presentation to a class.

From sitting on the bench to serving on the line, Judicial Branch personnel enjoy the opportunity to give high school students an "inside look" at how the criminal justice system works:

"Terell and Megan are Norwich Free Academy students who participated in the 2009 Judicial Branch Court Aide Program. Their responsibilities included duties at the Norwich Superior Court, the Judicial District Superior Court in New London and the Norwich Adult Probation Office. Above, Megan and Terell pose, after an Adult Probation Graduation Ceremony, with the Hon. Judge Quinn. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience as Court Aides and look forward to a promising career in law enforcement."

Tamara K. Lanier  
Chief Probation Officer II, Norwich

Judicial staff members have to become part of the process if both the Job Shadow and Court Aide Programs are to be successful. Staff who are willing to have students shadow them may contact Robyn Oliver, program manager, at [robyn.oliver@jud.ct.gov](mailto:robyn.oliver@jud.ct.gov) or (860) 282-6581. They will be contacted when dates are determined and will have the opportunity to choose a convenient day. The Job Shadow Program runs from February 1st to April 1st.

Judicial staff may also register to provide work for students through the Court Aide Program. Court and Probation Offices have found these students to be particularly helpful in assisting with routine clerical duties and projects that have languished for lack of help. Students have done data entry on computers, served as receptionist assistants, shredded files and reorganized case files. Court Aides work from either April 1st to May 30th, or June 1st to July 31st.

Staff members may contact one of the Volunteer/Intern Coordinators to register as a work site for Court Aides.