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Summer Internship Program for Law Students

Judge Darrow welcomes applications for a limited number of unpaid internships during the summer of 2026. The internship is expected to begin in late May or early June 2026 and last for approximately nine weeks. Interns will be expected to work out of Judge Darrow's chambers in Rock Island, Illinois between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm daily.

Interns will gain valuable experience about the federal court system. They will observe all in-court proceedings and discuss them with Judge Darrow. Interns will learn about criminal procedure and sentencing and participate in a trial advocacy program. Each intern will be supervised by one of Judge Darrow's law clerks who will assign the intern research and writing projects for pending civil cases.

Interns can expect to meet with a variety of court actors including probation officers, defense attorneys, Assistant United States Attorneys, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges throughout the summer.

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample (limited to 20 pages) by February 2, 2026. These can be emailed to amelia_verstraete@ilcd.uscourts.gov with the subject line: 2026 Internship Application.