

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

EARTHJUSTICE—FLORIDA OFFICE

OBJECTIVE I Develop skills necessary to provide representation to enforce state and federal environmental laws in adversarial proceedings.

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1. Draft pleadings, motions, memoranda, briefs.
 2. Draft discovery requests and respond to discovery requests.
 3. Conduct pretrial activities:
 - a. Interview witnesses.
 - b. Review and prepare exhibits.
 - c. Identify and prepare testimony of expert witnesses.
 - d. Prepare pretrial stipulations.
 - e. Anticipate evidentiary problems and prepare responses
 4. Observe hearings and trials.
 5. Conduct post-trial activities:
 - a. Prepare final judgment or order.
 - b. Draft post-trial motions.

OBJECTIVE II Gain investigation skills.

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1. Develop, prepare and submit requests for public records.
 2. Review government files for evidence supporting actions and claims.
 3. Research libraries and internet for evidence supporting actions and claims.

OBJECTIVE III Gain legal research, writing and analytical skills.

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1. Perform legal research on issues identified by Earthjustice attorneys.

2. Prepare oral and written analysis of findings.

OBJECTIVE IV Develop an academic familiarity with substantive areas of law.

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1. Review statutes, rules, regulations and applicable cases.
 2. Discuss applicable substantive areas with supervising attorney.

OBJECTIVE V Maintain awareness of progress in the externship program.

1. Make daily reflective entries in learning journals.
2. Write periodic papers on topics related to externship experience.
3. Participate in seminars.
4. Complete monthly reports on personal progress made during the externship.
5. Receive regular critique and monthly written evaluations from supervising attorney.