

SPRING 2026 LEGAL INTERNSHIP FOR LAW STUDENTS

NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM



Legal internships in the New York State Courts are programs for law students to gain experience in public service. Interns research and analyze legal issues and are responsible for drafting orders, proofreading opinions, verifying citations, preparing jury charges and verdict forms. The internship program provides hands-on experience, professional development, and opportunities to work on projects that promote access to justice. Legal Interns, appointed in the Civil Term by Justices of the Supreme Court, are assigned to Judges designated as Acting Supreme Court Justices. This internship

position is assigned to Hon. Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster, Supreme Court Justice in Bronx County Supreme Court - Civil Term.

This is an **unpaid**, in-person, eight-week legal internship program for law students interested in becoming a judge or public interest attorney. Interns are expected to participate 12 hours weekly. Legal interns will receive rare opportunities to develop legal research, oral advocacy, and writing skills. Additional features of the program include weekly lunch-and-learn sessions with attorneys and judges across practice areas, individualized mentorship, and practical advice for law school success. The Internship program is designed to be a pipeline program for law students interested in careers in the courts and public service.

The in-person legal internship will be hosted from February 16, 2026, through April 10, 2026 (internship location – Bronx Supreme Court – Civil Term, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York). **The application deadline is January 9, 2026.**

Interested students should email: BXSUPCIV-IA11@NYCOURTS.GOV

- The subject line should be "Legal Internship – Spring 2026"
- **You must include the following documents as one attachment:**
 - A cover letter addressed to Hon. Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster, Acting Supreme Court Justice, Bronx Supreme Court, Civil Term
 - Please highlight previous public service work or work involving equal justice issues.
 - Your resume
 - A writing sample – please respond to the below essay prompt:
 - **ESSAY PROMPT:** In this personal injury action involving a motor vehicle accident, Plaintiff has failed to provide responses to discovery demands and Defendant ABC Holding has moved for an order dismissing the action in accordance with the Court's prior April 10, 2025 order. That self-executing order granted dismissal of Plaintiff's complaint unless within sixty (60) days of the order, Plaintiff provided responses to Defendant ABC Holding's discovery demands. The Court directed dismissal of Plaintiff's complaint, pursuant to CPLR 3126, if there was a failure to comply with its Order. Plaintiff failed to provide the discovery contemplated by the April 10, 2025 order and Defendant ABC Holding has now moved to dismiss the complaint based on Plaintiff's failure to comply with this Court's self-executing order of dismissal issued on April 10, 2025. **Please draft the analysis and conclusion/determination section of the proposed decision and order (please limit to 500 words or less).** Please limit your research to First Department case law.

We look forward to your participation.