



ALTERNATIVE JOURNAL TOPICS

- Describe your externship supervisor and any other lawyers you are working with. Have you discussed with them any specifics with respect to how they will be supervising you and providing feedback? If so, describe the discussion. If not, describe how you intend to discuss with him/her the feedback you desire during the externship. Include a specific discussion of the kind of feedback and how often you would like to receive it. Describe any specific issues you see in getting the feedback you desire.
- How does this externship vary from the externship(s) you have engaged in in the past? How have you changed as a person and as a law student as a result of your externship experiences? What, in your opinion, caused these changes, and do you see them as positive or negative?
- What is the culture of your externship site? (Formal, informal, hierarchical, friendly, orderly, etc.) Is this the culture you like? If not, what would you prefer?
- Is team work utilized at your externship site? Should it be? Why? How could the lawyers work better as a team?
- How effective is communication at your externship site? In what ways do the lawyers communicate? What are the obstacles created by ineffective communication?
- What is your work style and how do you deal with deadlines; what will your future lawyering style (how do you want to work and be perceived) be? Are you a good time manager? How could you improve your time management skills?
- What are the stressors at your externship site? How can you alleviate any of the stress?
- Identify an ethical quandary or decision that you have observed. Explain the issue, how it was resolved and whether you think the resolution was proper and why.