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## **DUKE IN D.C. AT A GLANCE:**

- » Full-time, semester-long externship in a federal executive, congressional, or judicial office, or with a nonprofit advocacy organization

(9 CREDIT HOURS)

- » Students work as part of legal team, undertaking substantive law and policy assignments

- » Weekly course examines regulatory and policy issues, taught by Duke Law faculty (2 CREDIT HOURS)

- » Substantial research project focuses on work related to externship (1-3 CREDIT HOURS)



**“Duke in D.C. is, hands-down, the best teaching experience I’ve had. The quality of the students’ presentations, in terms of erudition, the nature of the topics selected, and the depth of analysis has been far above what I’ve come to expect in similar papers — and I’ve always been delighted in the past, so this is off the scale.”**

— James Cox, Duke’s Brainerd Currie Professor of Law

## THE PROGRAM

Duke Law School’s Duke in D.C. program combines full-time work experience and rigorous coursework to help students develop a deep understanding of how federal policymaking and regulation work. Through full-time externship placements, students work as part of the legal team in a congressional, policymaking, or advocacy office. In a weekly course taught by Duke Law faculty members, students study related legal issues through the lens of the work they are doing in their externships; students also must write a substantive research paper on a topic of their choosing.

In offering an in-depth work experience concurrent with intensive coursework on law and policy, Duke in D.C. is one way Duke Law School has integrated professional skills development into its core curriculum. Through this integrated approach, students deepen their analytical skills, become creative and constructive decision-makers, and learn to work collaboratively and across disciplines. »



# THE COURSES



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Duke in D.C. is offered during the fall and spring semesters. Each semester's course has a general focus — regulation in the fall, policymaking in the spring. Faculty and externship placements vary by semester. Class discussions and readings provide context and help students synthesize their work experiences within broader legal and policy frameworks. Students must complete a research project as part of the course.

## RECENT EXTERNSHIPS

- » Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- » Center for Responsible Lending
- » Environmental Protection Agency
- » Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission
- » Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- » Financial Services Roundtable
- » House Judiciary Committee
- » Institute of International Finance
- » Investment Company Institute
- » Office of Government Ethics
- » Natural Resources Defense Council
- » Securities and Exchange Commission
- » U.S. Congressional Offices
- » U.S. Department of State — Legal Adviser
- » U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- » U.S. Department of Justice
- » U.S. Senate Offices

## Fall Semester: Regulation

This course is designed to provide a historical, public policy, and theoretical context for regulation and regulatory policy in the United States. In fall 2010, for example, the course focused on “Rethinking the Regulatory State” and considered the strengths and weaknesses of regulatory agencies through historical analysis; economic criticism of regulatory agencies, particularly public-choice theory; politics in the creation, operations, and termination of agencies; and the core principles of administrative law. Externship placements typically include regulatory agencies, industry trade groups, and Capitol Hill offices.

### Professor Lawrence G. Baxter

Professor Baxter held tenure at the University of Natal in South Africa before joining Duke Law, where he served on the governing faculty from 1986 to 1995. He then joined Wachovia, where he founded the Emerging Businesses and Insurance Group and eBusiness Group and served as chief eCommerce officer. His teaching and scholarship focus on the evolving regulatory environment for financial services. He blogs about regulation, law, and policy at [www.paretocommons.com](http://www.paretocommons.com).

### Professor James D. Cox

Professor Cox (pictured at left) is the Brainerd Currie Professor of Law and has served on the Duke Law faculty since 1979. He is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of corporate and securities law and has published extensively in the areas of market regulation and corporate governance. He has testified before the U.S. House and Senate on insider trading, class actions, and market reform issues, and is a member of the American Law Institute, the ABA Committee on Corporate Laws, and the Bipartisan Policy Center Credit Rating Agency Task Force.

## Spring Semester: Federal Policymaking

This course examines the federal policymaking process, particularly the decision-making environment that elected officials face. Past topics have included the connection between running for office and policymaking and the role of public opinion, interest groups, the media, personal philosophy, and party leadership in shaping elected officials’ decisions. Externship placements include offices of members of Congress, on the staffs of Senate and House committees, and with organizations that engage in liaison and lobbying work.

Recent Faculty and Guest Lecturers:

### Professor Neil S. Siegel

Professor Siegel is professor of law and political science and co-director of Duke’s Program in Public Law. He teaches Constitutional Law and Constitutional Theory. He served as special counsel to Sen. Joseph Biden during the Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Justices John G. Roberts and Samuel A. Alito. He was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and served as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice.

### Professor Christopher H. Schroeder

Professor Schroeder is the Charles S. Murphy Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy Studies and co-founder of the Duke in D.C. program. He currently serves as head of the Office of Legal Policy in the Department of Justice. A former deputy assistant attorney general in the DOJ Office of Legal Counsel, he headed that office in 1996 and 1997. A respected scholar of constitutional, environmental, and administrative law, Schroeder directs Duke’s Program in Public Law.

### Sen. Ted Kaufman

Sen. Kaufman is chair of the Congressional Oversight Panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program. He served as the junior senator from Delaware from 2009 to 2010, filling the seat vacated by Vice President Joseph Biden, for whom Kaufman served as chief of staff from 1975 to 1994. Kaufman has been a senior lecturing fellow at Duke Law since 1991, and during the 1990s he served as co-chair of Duke Law School’s Center for the Study of Congress. Prior to his appointment to the Senate, he was president of Public Strategies, a political and management consulting firm based in Wilmington, Del.

# BEYOND D.C.



“Our nation needs lawyers who have a broad vision, who understand the history, who have technical expertise, who are interested in what other countries are doing, and who can bring an academic focus to the issues of policymaking and federal regulation. That is what makes Duke in D.C. so exciting: it is an opportunity for our students to participate directly in developing solutions to the extraordinary challenges of our time.”

— Dean David F. Levi

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## PUBLIC LAW AT DUKE

Opportunities to study public policy and the law extend far beyond Duke in D.C. Public and constitutional law is a focus and strength of Duke Law’s curriculum, faculty, and academic program. Duke’s Program in Public Law hosts conferences, workshops, and speaker series on topical public law issues, sponsors visits by present or past elected officials and public lawyers, and raises the visibility of public lawyering as an option for law students to pursue at some time in their careers. The program also supports, encourages, and disseminates public law scholarship and commentary by Duke faculty and others. The Program in Public Law is generously supported by Richard Horvitz ’78.

## OTHER PUBLIC LAW PROGRAMS AT DUKE LAW:

- » *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy*
- » Center on Law, Ethics and National Security
- » Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Careers in Public Service
- » Government and Public Service (GPS) Career Symposium
- » Dean’s Summer Grants for Public Service
- » Horvitz Public Law Fellowship
- » Duke in Raleigh

## LAUNCHING A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Duke in D.C. offers a unique opportunity to build practical skills, network with potential employers, and develop professional experiences that will stand out on a resumé — while acquiring academic credit. Combined with Duke Law’s strong ties to public service employers and to the Washington, D.C., area — nearly a quarter of 2009 Duke Law graduates accepted judicial clerkships or positions in government, public interest, or military agencies, and Washington, D.C., is a top employment destination for Duke Law graduates — Duke in D.C. can provide an excellent foundation for a successful career in public service.



**“My externship has shown me some of the skills I will need to have a successful career in environmental policy. As with all legal jobs, research and writing skills are of paramount importance. Additionally, media skills are required to both transmit your message to the public at large and as a medium through which relationships with policymakers are made and changed. The abilities to maintain a clear policy vision and goals, to produce understandable and entirely accurate work in time-limited situations, and to continually update your research and positions are just some of the skills I developed this semester. I feel more confident about pursuing a career in environmental policy — I feel like I now have a strong enough foothold to get me started.”**

— Chris Speedie '11, 2010 Duke in D.C. extern at Institute for Government and Sustainable Development

**“In working with our attorneys, our extern was involved in the general practice and decision-making processes of the organization and gained in-depth exposure to issues and policies pertinent to the office’s activities. Her understanding of foreign law systems and comparative legal traditions expanded, and her understanding and appreciation of the rule of law and our department’s efforts to foster it, both in our own country and abroad, were enhanced. We were extremely impressed with how quickly she initially grasped and then mastered new and challenging subject matter. She exhibited intellectual curiosity and legal acumen, and she effectively utilized lawyerly skills. We were pleased to have her on board.”**

— 2010 Extern Supervisor, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division



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**“The Duke in D.C. program was by far the highlight of law school for me. I wanted to return to the Hill after graduation, and the experience I gained, coupled with the contacts I made during my time in D.C., were immensely helpful.”**

— Troy Stock '10, 2009 Duke in D.C. extern (and now full-time senior policy adviser) in the office of Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah



**LEARN MORE:**

To receive more information about participating in Duke in D.C. or hosting a Duke Law student extern in your office, contact Assistant Dean Kim Bart, Duke Law School Office of Public Interest and Pro Bono, (919) 613-7130 or [bart@law.duke.edu](mailto:bart@law.duke.edu).