

AZ Legislative & Governmental Internship Program



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Spring legislative session (18 wks)

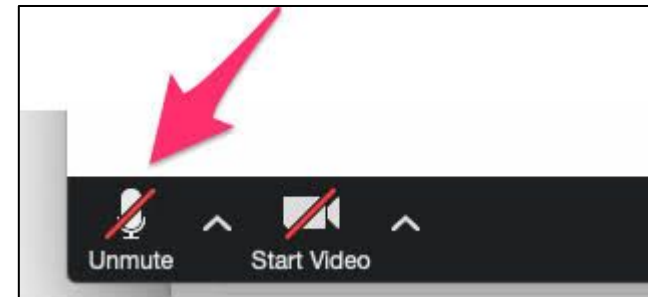
- Work 40+ hours/week at Legislature, Supreme Court, Governor's Office, and dozen state agencies
- Conduct policy research, attend hearings, write bill summaries, meet with officials and/or testify before legislative committees
- ASU pays Spring tuition, agency pays \$6000 directly to student, and student earns 12 undergrad (or 9 grad) credits
- **Applications due 9/20, 5pm**
- Program website: <http://bit.ly/az-leg>

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Agenda for this Info Session:

- 11:30-11:45 am: Overview of the Program (Dr. Tara Lennon)
- 11:45-1:00 pm: Overview of internship work at specific branches, offices, and agencies
- Remaining time for Q/A
 - Please see the list of presenters at the start of the Chat Forum
 - Within Chat, direct questions to either “Everyone” or specific staff/officials. ASU will compile Chat Q&As and attach summaries to Info Session recording.
 - During, consider enabling captions (see Zoom “More” option)
 - After session, please email remaining questions to Kayla.Stamey@asu.edu who will forward questions to agency staff on your behalf.
- Recording will be available at ASU’s program website: <http://bit.ly/az-leg>



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Interested in applying? Start now!

- Review Application Form on our program website: <http://bit.ly/az-leg>
- Link also available in Chat forum
 - **During session, review FAQs on the program website**
 - After session, view prior interns' testimonials about the program
- Request two letters of recommendation
 - Must include one faculty member who can speak to your writing ability
 - Letter writers can send letters directly to Kayla.Stamey@asu.edu
- Compile application parts (Application form, resume, transcripts, etc.) into one pdf file and submit to Handshake application on program website
- **Applications due by 9/20, 5pm**
- View videos on tips for completing the application and interviewing and attend Q/As

**AZ Legis. & Gov't
Internship Program**

Arizona Legislature

Chase Houser (ALIP'18)

House of Representatives

Deputy Director of Research

ASU School of Politics
and Global Studies

Arizona State University



ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



ARIZONA STATE SENATE



LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

Senate

- Senate Research Staff (non-partisan)
- Senate Republican Policy Staff
- Senate Democratic Policy Staff

House of Representatives

- House Research Staff (non-partisan)
- House Republican Policy Staff
- House Democratic Policy Staff

Internship Begins January 6, 2025

- Internship training begins with a week-long orientation where we teach you everything you need to know.
- Throughout the duration of your internship you will be mentored by legislative staff and will be provided with continued support to set you up for success.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP



- Legislative interns have the unique opportunity to see how public policy is created for all Arizonans.
- Our interns are an important part of the legislative process.
- A great intern has a combination of writing and analysis skills, a strong academic and extracurricular background and a willingness to work hard and expand their educational experience outside the classroom.

WHAT WE DO AT THE LEGISLATURE

- Our interns assist in the legislative process and provide valuable service to legislators, staff and the public.
 - Legislative Process – Learn how a bill becomes law
 - Parliamentary Procedure – Attend hearings and be actively involved
 - Research Skills – Research the history of laws and issues affecting Arizona
 - Critical Thinking – Dissect and track legislation
 - Writing Skills – Learn to summarize and write concisely
 - Public Speaking – Present and improve your speaking skills in a professional setting

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Arizona Supreme Court

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Supreme Court - What We Do



- Liaisons for the judicial branch with the legislature & executive branches
- Act as lobbyists for the court during the legislative session:
 - Provide input to legislators on court-related bills
 - Lobby for the judicial branch budget
 - Report back to judges & courts about court-related legislation
- Intensive 1 week training for interns: “lobbyist boot camp” - we teach you everything you need to know!



Supreme Court - What You'll Do



- Track & analyze bills
- Present to judges and court committees about legislation
- Prepare summaries of bills, amendments & committee testimony
- Testify at legislative committee hearings
- Attend stakeholder meetings and meetings with elected officials
- Assist with special projects & events
- Make valuable connections with legal experts, judges from around the state, and our Supreme Court justices



Supreme Court - What We're Looking For



Are you:

- Motivated & excited to learn?
- Invested in improving your community & your state?
- Interested in learning about the judicial branch & the criminal justice system?
- Someone who works well with a close knit, fun team?

**.....If so, you may be one of our next
Legislative Interns!**

**AZ Legis. & Gov't
Internship Program**

Governor's Office

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Office of Governor Katie Hobbs

- 4 interns who will work under the Governor's Legislative Affairs Team
- Duties:
 - Track and analyze legislation
 - Conduct legislative and policy research
 - Attend committee hearings and caucus meetings
 - Report out to Governor's Office Staff
 - Participate in events and stakeholder meetings with the Governor



2024 Governor's Office Interns



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Governor's Office, Boards and Commissions

Carlos Ramos

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Office of Governor Katie Hobbs

Boards & Commissions

- **200+ Boards, Commissions, Advisory Councils, etc.**
 - *Arizona-Mexico Commission*
 - *Arizona Board of Regents*
 - *Arizona Medical Board*
 - *Commission on Appellate Court Appointments*
- **Intern Duties**
 - *Assist with the Governor's Appointment Process*
 - *Collaborate with Policy and Legislative Teams*
 - *Attend Senate Confirmation Hearings*
 - *Attending meetings with Executive Directors and Agency Heads*
 - *Engage with community stakeholders*



**AZ Legis. & Gov't
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Secretary of State

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Secretary of State Intern Supervisor

- Phoenix native,
- Maryvale HS, Phoenix College, ASU x 2,
- House Majority Intern in 1996 serving the Economic Development, International Trade, and Tourism Committee,
- 29 consecutive years in government relations -
 - Maricopa Community Colleges
 - Arizona Supreme Court/Administrative Office of the Court
 - Arizona Attorney General's Office
 - Arizona Public Service/Pinnacle West Capital Corporation
 - Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
 - City of Buckeye
 - Arizona Secretary of State's Office

Secretary of State Intern Responsibilities

- Identify and track bills
- Draft bill summaries and amendments
- Monitor committee hearings
- Research the background of bills and elections processes
- Deliver important messages (verbal and written)
- Brainstorm
- Other duties as assigned

Your work will be important, valued, and recognized.

Why should you want to intern for the Secretary of State?

- Direct contact with Secretary Fontes
- The Team
- The Methods
- The Mission
- The Timing

Intern Preparation Advice

- Be yourself,
- Ask lots of questions about what type of work you will be doing,
- Wear appropriate office/business clothing (all you need is one blue blazer - you're not being judged by what you wear),
- What do you think interviewers are looking for???
- Don't be disappointed if you are offered a position that you had not previously considered - YOU WON'T BE SORRY TAKING IT,
- Take the first offer that is made to you; and
- This internship is not a place to express your political opinions.

Intern Advice

- RESPECT EVERYONE,
- BE NICE (to everyone),
- KEEP AN OPEN MIND,
- BE HUMBLE,
- BE ON TIME,
- When it is appropriate (timing), ask LOTS of questions,
- Listen to advice,
- Don't make up answers - **be sure or be researching!**
- Be prepared to take some "grief,"
- Take responsibility for your mistakes,
- Help other interns,
- Best question, "What can I help you with?"
- Demonstrating initiative is noticed, welcome and rewarded.

What's Left?

Contact me for my best advice.

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Department of Economic Security

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Arizona Department of Economic Security

DES is one of the **largest** state agencies in Arizona with over **8,000 employees** serving Arizonans **statewide**.

DES **partners** with community organizations, advocates, and state and federal agencies, to **strengthen** and offer a **helping hand** to those in need.



DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC SECURITY

Your Partner For A Stronger Arizona

DES Programs and Services

DES invests approximately **\$8.5 billion** annually to assist over **3 million** Arizonans through more than **60 programs** that address social and economic needs.

Aging and Adult

- Adult Protective Services
- Refugee Resettlement
- Adult non-medical home services

Basic Needs Assistance

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- TANF benefit program administration
- AHCCCS (Medicaid) eligibility

Developmental Disabilities

- In-home support services
- Residential support
- Early Intervention

Child & Community

- Child Care Assistance
- Domestic Violence Services
- Utility assistance

Child Support Services

- Collection/distribution of child support payments
- Establishment of paternity and child support orders

Employment & Rehabilitative

- UI benefit program
- Employment Services (ARIZONA@WORK)
- Second Chance Centers

DES Office of Legislative Services



The Office of Legislative Services serves as the DES point of contact to the state legislature and all Arizona elected officials and performs the following functions:

- Oversees the Agency's legislative proposals
- Reviews all bills introduced by the state legislature, drafts amendments, and monitors all legislative action
- Attends legislative hearings and provides testimony and comments on behalf of DES
- Develops and coordinates briefings for elected officials
- Addresses constituent inquiry requests from Members of the Legislature and legislative staff

DES Legislative Internship

Interns get a unique opportunity to contribute to DES policy areas, primarily by tracking legislation related to DES programs, services, operations, and personnel. As an intern, you can expect:

- A full-time work schedule (Mon-Fri, 8AM-5PM)
- Play a collaborative role in supporting the Legislative Services team
- Review, analyze, and track legislation and amendments moving through the legislative process
- Attend legislative committee hearings, caucus meetings, and floor sessions
- Draft bill and policy debate summaries

Successful interns will have an interest in state government and the DES mission to strengthen individuals, families, and communities for a better quality of life.

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Arizona Department of Gaming

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Agency Overview



Vision

World-Class Gaming Regulation
Benefiting All Of Arizona



Mission

To ethically and effectively regulate gaming, event wagering, fantasy sports, horse racing, and unarmed combat sports while fostering transparency and collaboration with tribal regulatory partners and industry stakeholders; mitigate the harms associated with gambling; and ensure these industries operate in a socially responsible manner.



Values

We act with integrity;
Respect one another and those we serve;
Strive for excellence;
Succeed through diversity and teamwork.



ADG
Tribal Gaming



ADG
Event Wagering
Fantasy Sports



ADG
Racing



ADG
Boxing & MMA



ADG
Problem Gambling

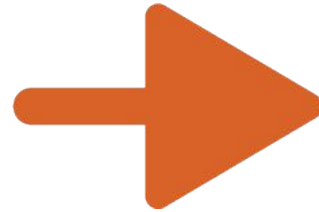
Who We Are

- Established in 1995
- Regulatory Focus:
 - Tribal Gaming
 - Event Wagering/Fantasy Sports
 - Pari-mutuel (Horse) Racing
 - Simulcast Wagering
 - Unarmed Combat Sports (Boxing/MMA)
 - Division of Problem Gambling
- Approximately 120 employees
- Approximately \$10 million annual budget



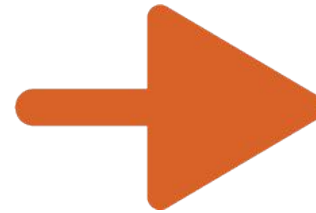
Tribal Gaming

Gaming in Arizona is governed by the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compacts between the State and 22 federally recognized Arizona Tribes. ADG partners with these Tribes and their Tribal gaming regulators to oversee Tribal casinos within Arizona.



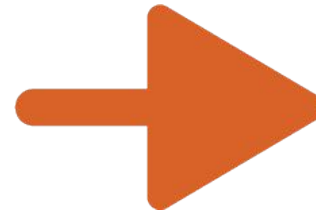
Event Wagering & Fantasy Sports

In 2021, Chapter 234 and the Amended/Restated Tribal-State Gaming Compacts directed the Arizona Department of Gaming to adopt rules and act as the primary regulator and enforcement body for event wagering and fantasy sports contests.



Horse Racing

Works with the independent Arizona Racing Commission to regulate and oversee Arizona's live horse racing and pari-mutuel simulcast horse and dog racing wagering both on- and off-track.



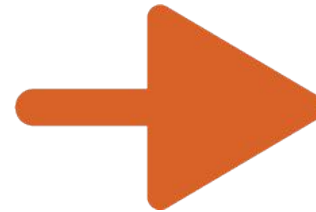
Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts

Works with the independent Arizona Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Commission to regulate and supervise unarmed combat sport events in Arizona to protect the health and safety of athletes and participants and maintain public confidence.



Division of Problem Gambling

Provides and supports education, prevention, and treatment programs connecting people and families with the resources they need to aid in treating problem gambling.



What to Expect

- Assist ADG's Chief Legislative Liaison with legislative duties, House & Senate meetings, and BMMA/Racing commission meetings.
- Focus on bill tracking, summarizing, & fact sheet writing, policy memo practice, legislative research, and legislative updates.
- Other opportunities available, such as ride alongs with ADG staff, conference attendance, training opportunities, etc.

Questions? Contact Us!



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AZ Legis. & Gov't Internship Program

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Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide



BEING AN INTERN WITH THE OMBUDSMAN-CITIZENS' AIDE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

- ✓ Become familiar with the overall operation of the Arizona government.
- ✓ Learn about state agency operations and how they impact the public.
- ✓ Learn how to research and apply the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Administrative Code as it applies to the government agencies.
- ✓ Learn how to help the public define issues and rights, identify options, and research information.
- ✓ Learn conflict management strategies and helps the public develop reasonable expectations.
- ✓ Learn about open meeting and public record laws.

THE ARIZONA OMBUDSMAN-CITIZENS' AIDE

- Independent agency of the Arizona Legislature
- Receives public complaints
- Investigates administrative acts of state agencies
- Non-partisan – we don't investigate elected officials
- Aim for lawful, fair and appropriate remedies
- Promotes open access to government
- Services are free
- Confidential – if citizens request

WE LOOK INTO WHETHER THE AGENCY ACTED:

- ▶ Contrary to law.
- ▶ Unreasonably, unfairly, oppressively, arbitrarily, capriciously,
abused their discretion or behaved unnecessarily discriminatory, even though they may be in accordance with law.
- ▶ Based on a mistake of fact.
- ▶ Based on improper or irrelevant grounds.
- ▶ Unsupported by an adequate statement of reasons.
- ▶ Performed in an inefficient or discourteous manner.
- ▶ Otherwise erroneous.

WE DO NOT START AS AN ADVOCATE, BUT WE MIGHT END AS ONE . . .

- The ombudsman is not an advocate or someone who will *initially* take the complainant OR the agency side in a conflict.
- Our job is to consider all sides of a question in an impartial and objective way.
- Unlike mediators (who must be neutral), we come to a conclusion after sifting the facts.
- We ask, “**IS IT RIGHT?**” We use the statutes and other navigational boundaries to guide us.

DEFEND OR RECOMMEND A FIX?

- If we conclude the complaint **is not justified**, we explain our reasoning to the citizen and defend the agency.
- If we conclude the complaint **is justified**, we work with the person and the agency to fix it and find a fair solution.
- We might ask the agency to fix an error, change a practice or create a rule.
- Sometimes we find no error on the part of the citizen or the agency, however, the law leads to an unintended bad result. We might suggest the legislature change a statute.

CHECK US OUT

See our web site:

<https://www.azoca.gov/>

Read one of our annual reports:

<http://www.azleg.gov/ombudsman/reports.asp>

SEE THE RESULTS

CONTACT ME FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

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Internship Overview

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

2024

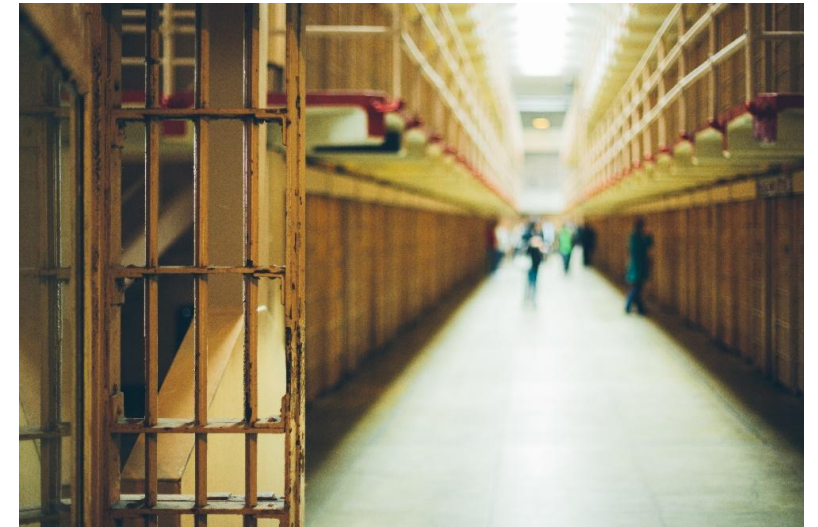


Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Legislative Internship



Mission

Our mission is to continuously address, improve, sustain and enhance public safety in the State of Arizona through the coordination, cohesiveness and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System.



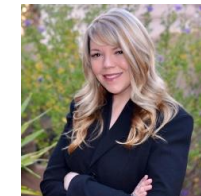
About the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. The Commission is comprised of 19 members who represent various elements of the criminal justice system in Arizona.

We are a non-partisan agency



About the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission



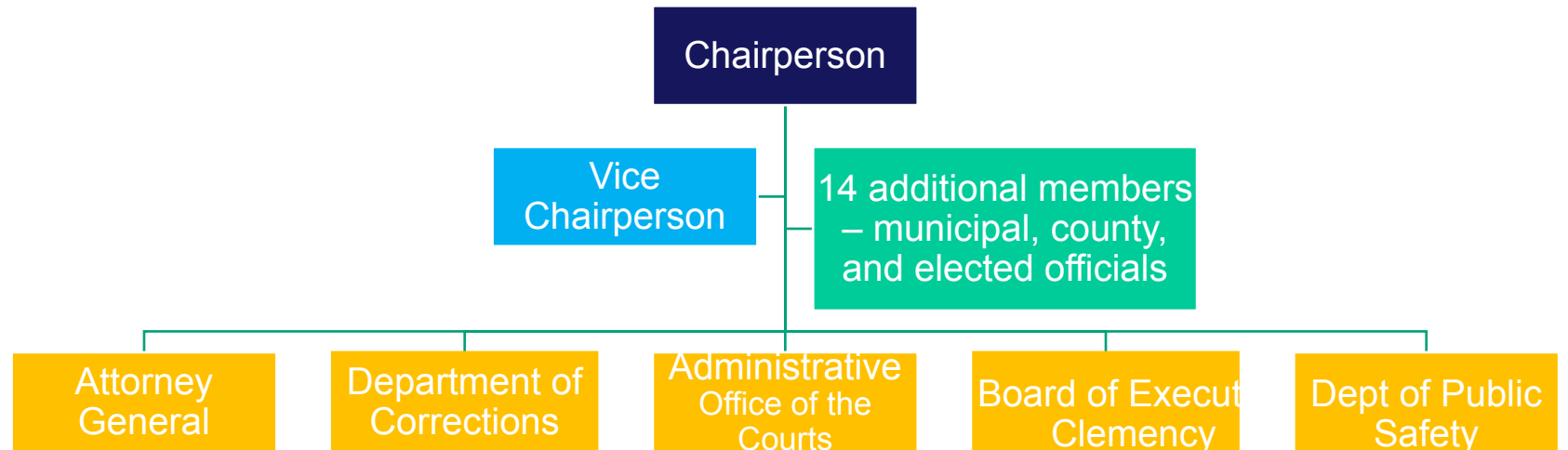


WHO WE ARE

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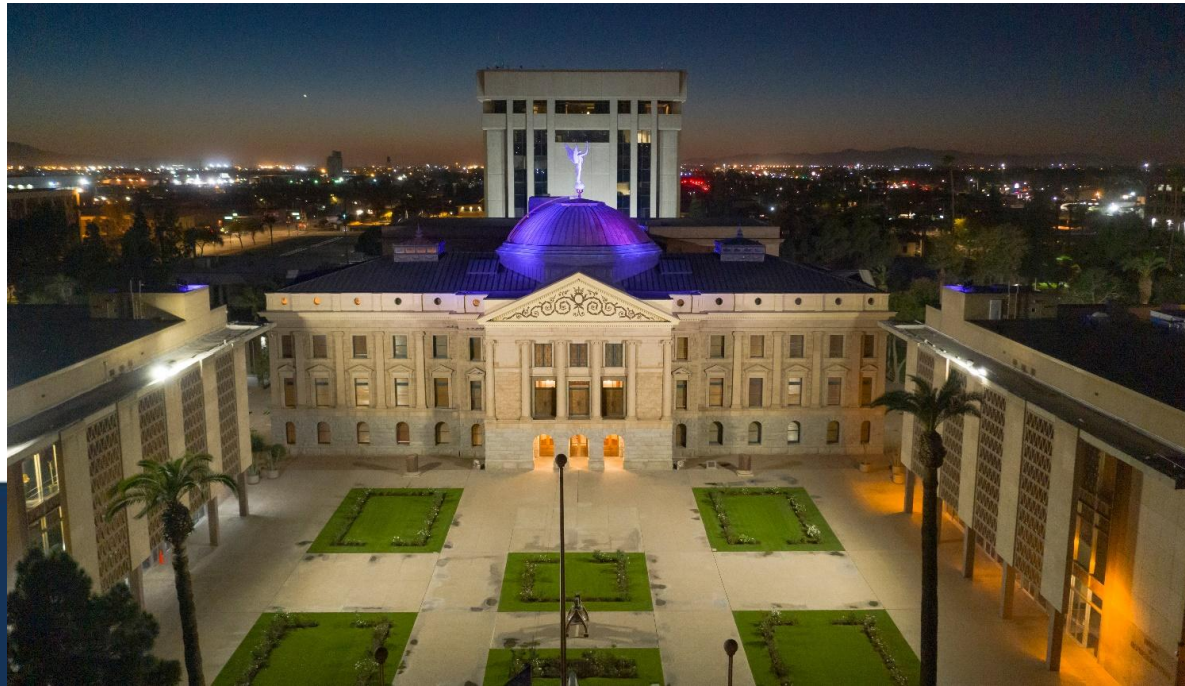
Fourteen of the 19 Commissioners are appointed by the governor and are municipal, county or elected officials.

The remaining five are state criminal justice agency heads. Appointed Commissioners serve for two years and terminate when the first regular session of the legislature is convened; they may be re-appointed.



Why choose ACJC?

If you have an interest in Criminal Justice, legislative research, becoming a lobbyist, and/or improving criminal justice systems through policy, our agency is the perfect starting point for you.





What you will learn as a legislative intern for ACJC:

- You learn the entire legislative process
- Attend key committee meetings
- Assist in crafting any proposed bills
- Undertake bill tracking
- Research critical Criminal Justice policy issues
- Meet with legislators and key policymakers
- Write bill summaries
- Compile the annual report for the Commission.





Yes, the work is very serious, but we also have fun.....



Testimonial – Anjelica Miller

My Spring 2019 legislative internship with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) allowed me to see and learn so much more about the field of criminal justice and state legislation than I can experience in the classroom. ACJC provided me with a valuable hands-on experience and a better understanding of the knowledge and skills to further improve upon in my career and education. Each day brought different circumstances, and my supervisor Molly allowed me to research my interests and learn from my successes and failures. As an intern, your thoughts and contributions will be valued every day as you work alongside respectful and welcoming staff. This experience taught me how to research bills, criminal statistics, networking, work/life balance, and friendship value in the workplace. I also had amazing opportunities; to meet with legislators on essential matters on criminal justice, attend committee hearings, conferences, town halls, the national crime victims' rights week recognition event, and tour the Lewis State Prison Facility. The internship with ACJC was not just an internship; it was a life-changing experience that helped develop me professionally and personally. I completed the internship with a clearer sense of purpose and dedication to my future endeavors. After interning here, I can genuinely say ACJC set the bar high for other internships. The staff all were extremely welcoming and wanted to help me grow; I could not have asked for a better internship placement. I would highly recommend anyone interested in understanding state legislation and criminal justice to check out interning with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.



Testimonial – Mary Pagnillo



“My time as an intern at ACJC was an amazing and greatly educational experience that allowed me to learn more about political science and justice studies, both of which I study. It shaped my understanding of the legislative process as well as how policy gets made with respect to various topics, such as criminal justice, education, and appropriations. I was able to work with a very inspiring team of people, and I made connections that I hope will be lifelong. Additionally, I learned a lot about ACJC as an agency, and how there are different beneficial programs they offer and strive to make better. I saw how beneficial an agency like ACJC can be, and I truly cherished and appreciated my time as an intern there.”

Testimonial – Molly Sexton



“My internship with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was an exceptional opportunity that allowed me to bridge my academic knowledge with practical, real-world experience. During the internship, I had the privilege of witnessing the legislative process firsthand by attending committee hearings and meeting with legislators at the state capitol. At the ACJC office, I deepened my understanding of the unique criminal justice challenges confronting Arizona, gaining insight into the commendable efforts the organization is putting forward to address these issues. One of the most impactful aspects of the internship was the exceptional mentorship I received, which was instrumental in my professional growth. Overall, my time at ACJC was transformative, vividly showcasing how my education can directly influence and benefit the wider community.”



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Clerk of the Superior Court, Maricopa County

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ASU School of Politics
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Arizona State University

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT



- Provide progressive and efficient court-related records management and financial services for the justice system, legal community, and public.
- Receive filings for Superior Court actions in civil, criminal, mental health, probate, tax, juvenile, and family court matters;
- Attend sessions to record actions of the Superior Court
- Store exhibits for court cases

Clerk of the Superior Court Intern duties

- Conduct research, write summaries, and monitor progress of bills that impact the Clerk's Office, its partnership with the Superior Court and its role as part of the Arizona Judicial Branch.
- Attend legislative stakeholder meetings including weekly meetings with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Supreme Court.
- Attending legislative committee hearings and take notes regarding testimony given on particular bills.
- Prepare proposed amendments to bills.
- Provide legislative analysis and assistance to the Arizona Association of Clerks as needed.

**AZ Legis. & Gov't
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Board of Regents

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About the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR)

- ABOR is 12-member constitutional body that governs the three state universities (ASU, UArizona, NAU)
- ABOR sets tuition, hires university presidents, sets high-level policies for universities
- ABOR aims to increase postsecondary access and attainment for Arizona students



Fred DuVal
Chair



Cecilia Mata
Chair Elect



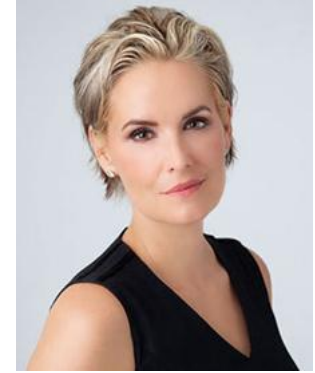
Lyndel Manson
Treasurer



Bob Herbold
Secretary



Larry Penley
Regent



Jessica Pacheco
Regent



Doug Goodyear
Regent



Gregg Brewster
Regent



Katelyn Rees
Student Regent,
Assistant Treasurer



David Zaragoza
Non-Voting Student
Regent



**Governor
Katie Hobbs**
Ex-Officio



**Superintendent
Tom Horne**
Ex-Officio

What you will learn/do as an intern:

- Legislature runs from January through probably June, but internship ends in May
- Learn the legislative process (how a bill becomes law)
- Assist with bill tracking
- Draft bill summaries and talking points
- Attend and take notes in legislative committee hearings
- Meet with legislators and stakeholders
- Conduct and compare research on policies relating to postsecondary institutions in other states
- Other projects related to attainment and community engagement

**AZ Legis. & Gov't
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Department of Child Safety

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Arizona Department of Child Safety

2023 Internship



About the Department

Mission

Successfully partner with families, caregivers, and the community to strengthen families, ensure safety, and achieve permanency for all Arizona's children through prevention, services, and support.

Agency Vision

Children thrive in family environments free from abuse and neglect. The Arizona Department of Child Safety is committed to achieving safety, permanency and well-being for Arizona's children and families.

Statistics

Budget: \$1.4 Billion

FTEs: 2,893

Kids in Out of Home Care: 8,000



What to Expect

- Review and Summarize Legislation that Affects the Department of Child Safety and children in Arizona
- Attend Legislative Hearings and Stakeholder Discussions
- Meet regularly with Senior Staff and Director to discuss legislative developments
- Track Legislation through the Process
- Propose Legislation and ideas to present to the Director!



What DCS Provides You

- Lunch and Learns with Leading Stakeholders in Child Welfare Policy
- Flexible work schedule
- Hands on legislative experience
- Decision Making Opportunities
- Assistance in Navigating a Career in Child Welfare Policy or Public Policy
- Meaningful work on behalf of the amazing kiddos of Arizona!



I Made a Difference

A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean.

A man approached her and said, “Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can’t save all these starfish. You can’t begin to make a difference!”

The girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she replied,

“Well, I made a difference for that one!”



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League of Arizona Cities & Towns

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Legislative Internship

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns serves to promote local governments, municipal independence and provides professional and high-quality assistance to municipal governments in Arizona.

Core Principles:

- Preserve local decision-making
- Protect shared revenue

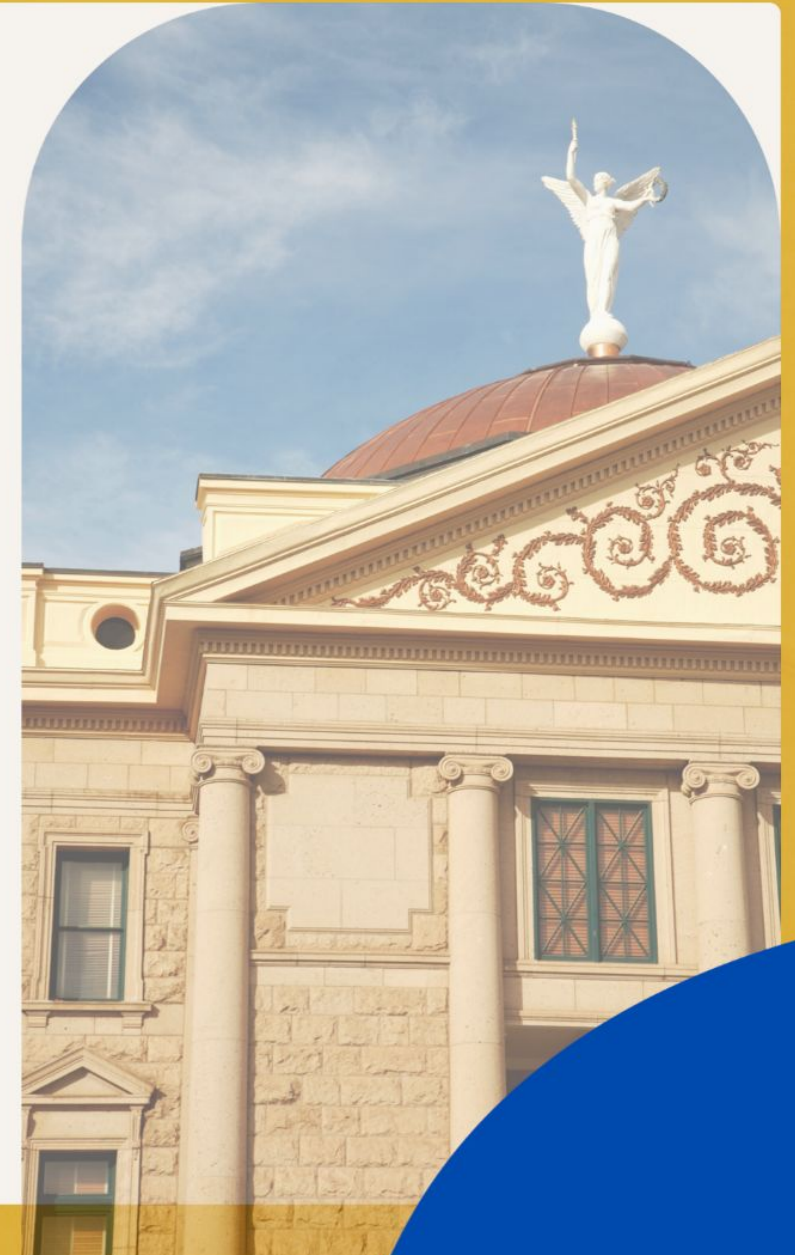
Issue Areas:

- Housing
- Public Safety
- Preemption
- Local Revenue
- Elections
- Transportation
- Short Term Rentals
- Zoning



[Weekly Legislative Bulletin \(linked\)](#)

www.azleague.org



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An aerial photograph of the Phoenix, Arizona skyline, featuring numerous skyscrapers and buildings. In the background, the rugged, reddish-brown mountains of the Sonoran Desert are visible under a clear sky. The overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting either sunrise or sunset.

ABOUT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Maricopa County Assessor annually notices and administers over 1.7 million real and personal property parcels/accounts with full cash value of more than \$553 billion in 2020. In efforts to diligently accomplish our responsibilities we seek the best and brightest to join the team. Our commitment to the citizens of Maricopa is to employ professionals and provide state of the art tools and resources to produce property values which are fair and equitable.

MAJOR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO...

- Annual & supplemental property notice of valuation and appeals
- Develop & calibrate valuation models
- Digital tax mapping/new tax district creation
- Legislative relations
- Maintain real property characteristics and classifications
- New construction & permit processing
- Organizational and personal exemptions
- Rental registration
- Split and/or combine parcels
- Statutory valuation programs (Golf courses, agriculture, common area)

LEGISLATIVE INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as the organization's eyes and ears to the Arizona State House and Senate
- Track bills pertaining to our work and attend legislative committee hearings
- Work closely with Assessor Eddie Cook, our executive leadership team, and legislative partners.

ABOUT THE POSITION

- Paid, full-time position.
- Begins in January and ends in May.
- Flexible schedule and ability to telework available
- Direct interaction with elected and appointed officials.
- Help craft and amend legislation.
- Communications, outreach, and education experiences.
- Cooperate with frontline staff on implementation.
- Professional mentorship.



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Who We Are

The Arizona School Boards Association is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides training, leadership and essential services to public school governing boards statewide.

Our Mission

We cultivate excellence in locally-governed school districts.

Our Vision

The best schools in every community.

Our Motto

EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. ELEVATE.

Intern Responsibilities

- Education Committee Meetings
 - Take note of vote counts, write bill summaries for K-12 related bills, report on bills with amendments
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Monitor Bills
 - K-12 related bills may not always be introduced or read in the Education Committee
 - Track which bills were introduced, read, voted on, and passed

Advantages of Working for ASBA

- Paid, full-time position with flexible work schedule
- Published in end-of-legislative-session Wrap Up Brief publication sent out to members
- Networking and opportunities to grow!



Questions about the program or for any of our presenters?

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