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| Title of Proposal  | International Externships - How Effective Programs Can, and Should, Provide Students the Critical Skills, Social Justice Values and Knowledge for Global Practice |
| Summary of Proposal | This article offers a set of recommendations for setting up an effective international semester-in- practice program and provides insight into all phases of the process: counseling students and setting up new sites; designing the accompanying international seminar; collaborating with the law schools’ study abroad and international clinical programs; and incorporating knowledge of bias to increase cultural competence. For schools seeking to build on an existing program or establish a new one, this article provides a necessary rationale, a detailed blueprint, and a call to action. Although the focus is on externship faculty in law schools in the U.S., the guidelines may also be useful to educational institutions outside the U.S. that seek to expand their international experiential learning opportunities |
| Abstract Proposal | Paper Presentation as legal practice becomes increasingly global, law schools in the U.S. are expanding opportunities to gain international experience. In an international externship, a student spends a semester working and learning outside the U.S. Available at a growing number of law schools, international externships offer the chance to improve legal skills and develop cross-cultural sensitivity by raising awareness of a lawyer’s responsibilities to the global community. Students gain knowledge of law and practice in a different legal system, make valuable connections for future employment, and, in many circumstances, improve language proficiency |