



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THREE EXTERN, SUPERVISOR AND SCHOOL
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN TARRANT
COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
OF LAW FOR PARTICIPATION IN AN EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve three (3) Extern, Supervisor and School Memorandum of Understandings between Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's (CDA) Office and Texas A&M University School of Law for participation in an externship program.

BACKGROUND

The Externship Program at Texas A&M School of Law offers students the opportunity to gain meaningful and substantive legal experience under the supervision and mentorship of practicing attorneys, judges and policy experts. Students can earn academic credit for legal work performed outside of the classroom in legal settings, such as government entities, public interest organizations, corporate legal departments, law firms, and courts. In an externship, students apply academic learning to the real world, while gaining valuable insight into the operation of legal institutions.

The Tarrant County CDA's Office employs dedicated professionals committed to serving the citizens of Tarrant County. The goal is to prosecute the guilty, protect the innocent and deter crime. To continue its mission, the office is committed to providing future attorneys with the skills and education needed to be successful.

With approval, the CDA's Office will participate in the externship program for law students and will provide three (3) students with the opportunity to gain clinical experience, professional skills and the opportunity to observe court proceedings. The externship program allows the students to commit to work hours in exchange for academic credits. The term of the MOUs is from January 12, 2024 through May 1, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly S Maxwell
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