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TEXAS A&M SCHOOL OF LAW RESIDENCY EXTERNSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY

AGGIE LAW STUDENTS HEAD TO AUSTIN, TEXAS & WASHINGTON, D.C.

*We are excited to
be entering our
seventh year of
turning Aggie
lawyers into
Aggie leaders.*

January 2022 - Four Texas A&M School of Law students headed to Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C. to begin their placements as part of the Residency Externship Program in



Public Policy. Abigail Adkins (Class of 2022); Annie Birdsong (Class of 2022); Tyler Phillips (Class of 2022); and Rowan Pruitt (Class of 2023) were selected to participate in this year's Program. Each of these exceptional students are serving as the first Texas A&M School of Law students in their respective placements –

Abigail Adkins – Texas Water Development Board (Austin)

Annie Birdsong – Merck Animal Health & The Humane Society of the United States (D.C.)

Tyler Phillips – Bracewell LLC, Policy Resolution Group (D.C.)

Rowan Pruitt – Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (D.C.)

“These unique placements demonstrate the broad reach of Texas A&M in the policy sector and our students’ significant skills,” said Program Director Lisa A. Rich. “I am so excited for these placement entities to see what Aggie lawyers can accomplish,” she continued.

Texas A&M School of Law is proud to be part of the Aggie Network, a network that helps our students explore the world of policymaking by opening doors to amazing placement opportunities. Aggie Law students then further that network by demonstrative superior analytic, research, communication, and policymaking



MEET THE REP-PP CLASS OF 2022!

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Rowan Pruitt, Class of 2023

I chose to attend Texas A&M School of Law primarily because of the Residency Externship Program for Public Policy and the opportunity to spend time in Washington D.C. I came to law school to prepare for a career in public



Tyler Phillips, Class of 2022

I am very excited about the exposure to a wide range of policy areas [this Program offers]

For more information about these students, their placements, and their experiences in Austin and Washington, D.C., be sure to visit the Program's Student Blogs at law.tamu.edu/rep-pp.



Annie Birdsong, Class of 2022

I chose to attend Texas A&M School of Law for many reasons, one of those being this program. I knew that I wanted my law career to take me to Washington, D.C. so I could work in the heart of policymaking. I applied to several D.C. area law schools, but TAMU made the most sense for me and got me to my end goal



Abigail Adkins, Class of 2022

I am very excited to be the first Program student to extern at the Texas Water Development Board. This placement is

PLACEMENTS DEMONSTRATE
EXTENT OF AGGIE LAW'S
REACH

Students in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy have had placements in a vast array of agencies, departments, advocacy organizations, and non-profits. Students in the Program work with the Director to find the placement that works for them and their post-graduate goals. The program boasts a 100% bar passage rate and a nearly 100% post-graduation employment rate.

ACLU, Washington
Legislative Office

Office of Congressman Joe
Barton

Open Society Institute

Sen. John Cornyn; Judiciary
Committee*

EEOC

NRA

Texas Railroad Commission

Texas Health Services
Authority

Office of Gov. Greg Abbott,
Budget & Policy Division

Texas Hotel & Lodging
Association

Senate State Affairs
Committee*

Senate Committee on
Homeland Security

Office of Immigration

DRAFTING FOR PUBLIC POLICY COURSE BRINGS TEXAS POLICY LEADERS TO THE LAW SCHOOL

Professor Tom Krampitz Brings Policy & Policymakers to the Classroom

Texas A&M School of Law recognizes the importance of communication in the legal and policymaking spaces. For example, it requires students to take a minimum of three semesters of legal writing, including unique upper-level courses that focus on specific drafting and communication techniques that law students might not experience otherwise. One of these courses is Drafting for Public Policy that is designed to introduce students to the various types of communications (both oral and written) that they might encounter in the public sector such as, hearing testimony, "one pagers," briefing documents, and pitch memoranda. This highly specialized course is a prerequisite for students participating in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy.



In Fall 2021, the course was taught by adjunct professor, Tom Krampitz.

Professor Krampitz is a leader in Texas state and local policy. His breadth of experience was evident in the guest speakers he brought into the Drafting for Public Policy course. In just 12 short weeks, Professor Krampitz introduced his students to the following Texas policy leaders—

1. **Honorable Andy Eads** - Denton County Judge (Denton)
2. **Honorable Mattie Parker** - Fort Worth Mayor (Fort Worth)
3. **Rob Kepple** - Executive Director of the Texas District & County Attorneys Association and Adjunct Professor, UT School of Law (Austin)
4. **Ben Taylor** - Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Brian Babin (Washington, D.C.)
5. **Kasey Pipes** - Principal, Corley & Pipes Governmental Affairs, former speechwriter and policy advisor to President George W. Bush (Ft. Worth)
6. **Paul Wageman** - Attorney, Winstead P.C, and Chair, Dallas Rapid Transit Authority (DART) board, former chair of North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and Texas Sunset Commission board member (Dallas)
7. **Cheraya Pena** - Spotlight Communication Strategies, and former Press Secretary, City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth)
8. **Honorable Phil King** - State Representative District 61 (Weatherford)

* THESE OFFICES HAVE HOSTED AGGIE LAW STUDENTS IN MULTIPLE YEARS

PLACEMENTS CONT'D

Texas Department of
Agriculture

Senate Business &
Commerce Committee,
Texas Legislature*

Office of Gov. Greg
Abbott, Budget & Policy
Division

Senate State Affairs
Committee, Texas
Legislature

Texas Public Policy
Foundation, Washington,
D.C. Office

Republican Study
Committee, US House of
Representatives

Environmental Law
Institute

Cornerstone Government
Affairs

Office of Senator Patty
Murray

Sen. John Cornyn;
Judiciary Committee

Texas Public Policy
Foundation, Right on
Crime Initiative

Sen. Dianne Feinstein;
Judiciary Committee

Concord Coalition

Federal Aviation
Administration

US Department of Justice
Mexican American
Legislative Caucus (for TX
Rep. Rafael Anchia)

Merck Animal Science
(Govt Relations) & Human
Society of the United
States
Washington, D.C.

Bracewell Guiliani
Washington, D.C.

Federal Mediation Center
Washington, D.C.

Texas Water Development
Board, Austin

LAWYER IN GOVERNMENT SEMINAR CONNECTS STUDENTS TO D.C. POLICYMAKERS

Professor Kerry Kinirons Brings Her Knowledge of Policymaking to TAMU Law

In addition to their full-time placements in policy positions, TAMU Law students in the Residency Externship Program in Public Policy take an

innovative capstone seminar course entitled, *The Lawyer in Government*. For the last two years, this course has been taught in Washington, D.C. by adjunct professor Kerry Kinirons. Professor Kinirons is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations for the Texas A&M System. She brings decades of experience in policymaking to the classroom to help students understand the unique role of government and policy attorneys. Professor Kinirons shares her impressive network with students as well. Currently, her students are expecting to hear from the following policymakers –



1. **Thomas Parker Connally**- Deputy General Counsel & Parliamentarian, Subcommittee on Investigations & Oversight, House Science, Space, and Technology Committee *(Tom was in the first class of the TAMU Law Residency Externship Program in Public Policy)*
2. **Dr. Leslee Gilbert**, J.D., Ph.D., Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates
3. **Greg Winfree**, Esq., Director – Texas A&M Transportation Institute, former Assistant Secretary for Research & Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation
4. **Monica Sanders**, Esq., Professor-Georgetown University, former Management Analyst & Attorney, International Judicial Relations Committee
5. **Terri Stewart**, Esq., Vice President for Global Innovative Franchise Medicines Policy, EMD Serono
6. **Cherae Bishop**, Senior Vice President for Government Relations, American Red Cross

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