About Stetson
Stetson University College of Law, with two campuses in the Tampa Bay area, was founded in 1900 as Florida’s first law school. Stetson is ranked by U.S. News and World Report as Number 1 in Advocacy and Number 3 in Legal Writing, which reflects its strong emphasis on skills training and experiential learning. Stetson’s 1,000 law students are enrolled in J.D., J.D./M.B.A., and LL.M. degree programs, among others. The student body reflects diverse academic, professional and ethnic backgrounds. Stetson is well known for its highly regarded programs in elder law, criminal law, higher education law and policy, and international law. Stetson annually sponsors eight study-abroad programs on three continents and is the home to three academic journals, institutes on biodiversity and Caribbean law and policy, and the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law.

About the Law and Policy Internship Program
Stetson offers upper-level law students the opportunity to earn up to five academic credits for completing a summer internship in the Washington, D.C., area. Student interns must be in good academic standing, must be able to pass any required background checks by the sponsoring organization, and must be eligible to take credits in an internship program to be approved for the program.

The Law and Policy Internships provide Stetson students with the opportunity for an intensive work experience in the Washington, D.C., area and enables them to develop an understanding of the role of law in government and policy. The program began in Summer 2008, with seven students participating in the internship. Internship placements included the offices of U.S. representatives, the Department of the Interior, the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Human Rights Law Foundation. In addition to receiving academic credit for successful completion of the Law and Policy Internship, students may earn additional credits through courses appropriate for a government and policy-based internship. They also are invited to attend enrichment activities to allow them additional experiences within Washington, D.C.

Internship Criteria
To qualify for Stetson’s program, internships should meet the following criteria:

- The position will allow the student to perform primarily legal or law-related policy work
- The position will allow the student to work 30–40 hours a week for seven weeks (shorter programs may be approved for fewer credit hours)
- The position is with a governmental office or agency or not-for-profit organization
- Sufficient resources, such as a dedicated work space and computer access, are available to perform internship assignments
- An attorney or other person with sufficient experience and authority will supervise legal interns
- The supervisor is able to devote time to mentoring the student and providing feedback on assignments
- The supervisor is willing to meet and discuss the internship with the Associate Dean of Academics, the professor supervising the internship program, or other Stetson representatives with oversight responsibility
- The supervisor is willing to complete a final assessment so the College of Law may award a grade on the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory scale and award course credit

Contact Information
Agencies and organizations interested in participating in the Law and Policy Internship program at Stetson should contact the Associate Dean for Academics, Kristen Adams, at adams@law.stetson.edu or (727) 562-7870 for more information.