

HARPUR LAW COUNCIL PRIVATE SECTOR LAW INTERNSHIP SUMMER 2026

The Harpur Law Council (HLC) Private Sector Law Internship gives Binghamton juniors and seniors the opportunity to experience law in the private sector; to make informed decisions about the choice of a legal career, based on their own experience; to establish professional connections with HLC member attorneys and other BU law alumni; and will be paid by the firm or company to defray living and travel expenses during the internship.

What are the time commitments, expenses, and duties involved?

Students chosen for the internship **must work full-time** at the assigned host firm or company for **eight to ten weeks** during the summer of 2026. Each selected student **will agree** to provide periodic reports and final evaluation to the University and return to Binghamton during the next year to describe the internship to others. The internship does not carry academic credit.

Where will the Internship take place?

Three sites are confirmed for the summer of 2026. These sites include:

- Kim & Serritella LLP; <http://www.kandslaw.com/>
- Schlam Stone & Dolan, LLP; <https://www.schlamstone.com/>
- Wilkinson Stekloff LLP; <https://www.wilkinsonstekloff.com/>

Who is eligible?

Current full-time students with junior or senior standing, who expect to graduate between May 2026 and August 2027, who will have **completed at least 32 credit hours at Binghamton by the time the internship begins**, with an overall Binghamton **GPA of 3.0 or higher**. See Internship Guidelines for a complete list of requirements.

How are students selected?

The Pre-Law Advisor and a representative from the Harpur College Dean's Office will review the applications and invite a group of finalists to participate in an on-campus (or virtual) interview on **March 18, 2026**. Members of the firm may also participate in the interview process. They will consider academic achievement, experience, recommendations and references, a personal statement/cover letter and the interview in making final selections. **Preference will be given to students who have not yet participated in opportunities such as this.**

How do I apply?

- Fill out the attached **two-page** application, completing all items.
- Attach your **essay** and your **resume**.
- Secure **two letters of recommendation**: one letter must be from a faculty member or professor (not an undergraduate TA) and we will allow one of the two letters from a professional staff member, former or current employer, etc. Please ask your recommenders to email their letter to prelaw@binghamton.edu. Remind LOR writers that this should be a letter on official letterhead; email recommendations are not acceptable.
- Sign and date the interview agreement, the authorization to release your records and the confidentiality pledge. **Do not send pictures of your application**. Scanners are available in the campus library.
- All items, except the letters of recommendation, must be submitted electronically together. **Completed applications are due to the Pre-Law Advising Office at prelaw@binghamton.edu by 4:30 PM, March 11, 2026.** Questions? Contact Pre-Law Advising at prelaw@binghamton.edu or Leah Joggerst, Senior Director of Harpur Constituent Relations and Advancement at ljoggerst@binghamton.edu.

INTERNSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Only currently enrolled full-time students with junior or senior standing, who expect to graduate between May 2026 and August 2027, may apply. Students must have completed at least 32 credit hours at Binghamton by the time the internship begins, be in good standing with Binghamton University and have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
2. Students will submit periodic reports to the representative from the Harpur Dean's Office, due at the end of the 1st week, 4th week (halfway point), and final week. These reports should comment on specific problems and challenges that the students have experienced and indicate how they confronted, analyzed, and solved (or were unable to solve) those problems. After the internship, a written self-evaluation report and a supervisor report will be submitted to the representative from the Harpur Dean's Office.
3. Students who complete the internship agree to return to Binghamton and/or attend events at Binghamton or elsewhere during the next academic year to describe the internship to others.

STUDENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Adhere to firm/company work hours, policies, procedures and rules governing professional staff behavior.
2. Adhere to firm/company policies governing the observation of confidentiality and handling of confidential information.
3. Maintain professional relationships with firm/company, university employees and third parties.
4. Utilize a courteous, enthusiastic, open-minded approach to policies and procedures within the profession.
5. Be consistent and punctual in the submission of all work assignments to your firm/company supervisor(s) and periodic reports to the Harpur Dean's Office Representative.
6. Ask for assistance if necessary. Your firm/company supervisor would rather spend time now to make sure something is done right than do it over in the future.
7. Ask for feedback. Constructive criticism allows you to modify or change behavior or performance for the most productive use of your internship.
8. The sponsor's evaluation of your performance will be completed at or prior to the conclusion of your internship.
9. **Students will receive direct compensation or payment from the sponsor firm/company for work performed during the time period of the internship.**
10. In accepting an internship, students agree to comply with the requirements set forth above and with all applicable Binghamton University policies and regulations.

Descriptions from the Firms/Companies

Kim & Serritella LLP

K&S is offering a paid summer internship for 8 to 10 consecutive weeks to a Binghamton undergraduate student who is interested in working at a boutique law firm in Manhattan that focuses on complex commercial litigation. K&S has a diverse range of cases and is particularly well-known in the crypto space where K&S has brought novel and cutting-edge actions (both in litigation and in arbitration). K&S is unique in that the level of sophistication of its cases is unusual in a small and collegial firm; hard work, a curious mind and creative thinking are truly valued. The intern will have the opportunity to observe and participate in various stages of litigation (motion practice, discovery, conferences, potentially arbitration or trial) and possibly also have the opportunity to sit-in on deal negotiation and assist with contract drafting. Depending on prior experience, the intern will be expected to conduct general research, learn the basics of legal research, write research memos, assist in document drafting, sit-in and participate in internal firm meetings and potentially also sit-in and participate on meetings with external parties. No prior experience is required, but a strong interest in litigation is preferred and knowledge or interest in crypto is a plus. The internship will be in-person at our Bryant Park office and compensation will be \$20/hour.

Schlam Stone & Dolan, LLP

Paid summer internship at litigation boutique law firm in Manhattan. We are seeking a summer intern who is interested in law, and particularly in civil litigation. Interns will have the opportunity to attend court conferences, depositions, oral arguments, hearings, and possibly trials, and to interact with attorneys on pending matters. Responsibilities will include basic research, preparation of documents and materials, and assistance of attorneys and paralegals. Applicants should show an interest in law-firm practice, but no prior legal experience is required. Compensation will be \$20/hour (no benefits), with eligibility for overtime. Interns are also permitted to seek course credit, if available, on their own. We are flexible on start and end dates, but request that applicants commit to working at least eight consecutive weeks to allow for continuity on projects and observational experiences.

Wilkinson Stekloff LLP

Wilkinson Stekloff LLP is offering a paid internship for Summer 2025 for a Binghamton undergraduate student interested in pursuing a career in law. WS is the leading trial litigation boutique in the country—"the legal equivalent of an elite special ops unit," according to The American Lawyer. Last year alone our team of 40 lawyers led some of the most important trials in the country, including securing a groundbreaking victory for Microsoft in the largest-ever merger trial in American history involving a technology company over its \$69 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard. The intern will work out of our New York City office (at least four days in-person), but there may be opportunities for travel to our Washington, D.C. office and other locations depending on our schedule this summer. The internship will include exposure to all aspects of the firm's work, and will include legal research and writing as well as paralegal work. No prior legal experience is necessary but excellent academic credentials are required. Compensation: \$30/hour and the internship will last 6-8 weeks.

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NAME: _____

B#: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS:

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

CELL PHONE: _____

CURRENT E-MAIL: _____

PERMANENT E-MAIL: _____

I am a full-time ___ Junior ___ Senior (please see guidelines)

DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

MAJOR(s): _____

Have you been convicted of a felony? ___ Yes ___ No

Students who have previously been convicted of a felony are advised that their prior criminal history may impede their ability to participate in the internship program. If "yes" is checked, indicating you have a felony conviction, a campus committee will review the application to determine if you are approved to participate.

In addition to including the application pages 1 and 2, please attach the application essay, along with your resume, and email your application materials to prelaw@binghamton.edu by the deadline.

Please attach the application essay:

- In a typed essay, not to exceed 500 words, please discuss your interest in the private sector area of the law and what you would hope to gain from this internship program. Consider your academic coursework, extracurricular activities, personal history, professional goals, or any other aspect of your experience that you feel is relevant; though not all need to be addressed. Please also indicate the qualities that you feel would make you an excellent representative of Binghamton University in a fast-paced legal setting. Remember that this is **not a cover letter** but a way for the committee to get to know you, so **don't recite your resume or transcript**; instead, construct a focused narrative.

Two Letters of recommendation are required and should be emailed directly by the recommenders to prelaw@binghamton.edu. Reminder: one letter must be from a faculty member or professor (not an undergraduate TA), and we will allow one of the two letters from a professional staff member, former or current employer, etc. Remind LOR writers that this should be a letter on official letterhead; email recommendations are not acceptable.

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Interview Agreement:

If selected as a finalist for an internship, I agree to be **available for an on-campus (or virtual) interview on March 18, 2026**. Following the interview, I may be offered an opportunity to rank the internship sites in order of preference. However, if that should occur, I understand that I am **not** guaranteed a placement at my preferred internship site, or at any site, and I agree to be considered for **all** placements.

Signature

date

Placement Agreement:

I understand that many students are seeking internships sponsored by the Harpur Law Council (HLC). If I am interviewed for and receive an offer for a placement at one of the internship sites, I agree to accept the offer and carry out my obligations under the HLC internship program.

Signature

date

Release of Records:

I authorize the Pre-Law Advising Office at Binghamton University to release information from my academic and disciplinary records at Binghamton University to the Internship Review Panel, for the purposes of reviewing this application. Panel members will include the Pre-Law Advisor, a representative from the Harpur College Dean's Office, and representatives from the firm/companies.

Please note that you will also need to file a separate release of information with the Office of Student Conduct, which indicates that the Pre-Law Advisor may access your disciplinary record. Please use this link: <https://www.binghamton.edu/student-conduct/resources/release.html> to complete the Student Conduct release form.

Signature

date

Confidentiality Agreement:

I understand the need to keep professional information confidential. I hereby agree to ensure the confidentiality of information I receive from others or obtain from my own observation regarding clients, business plans, private records, and other non-public information associated with my work on the Summer 2026 Private Sector Law Internship. I also agree that I will sign any confidentiality agreement required by the firm/company where I work for the Summer 2026 Private Sector Law Internship.

Signature

date

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