

2016 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM, PART I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the first seven weeks of the course, we will focus our efforts on Policy case studies. These case studies examine issues Congress and Regulatory Agencies have tackled in the past in addition to current issues yet to be resolved. These case studies will concentrate on key legislative and policy issues, but this relatively short time frame limits the amount of issues we can adequately cover in class. I will conduct each class in a seminar style, and we will begin with an introduction and overview of the topic from a guest speaker or me. The remaining portion of the class will be devoted to a roundtable discussion. I expect all participants to come well prepared for our discussion and to engage respectfully with the rest of the class.

GRADING

For this half of the course, your grade will consist of one final paper (70%) and class participation (30%).

PAPER

Your final paper will formulate a well-reasoned response to one of the following questions in 15-20 pages: 1) Is Congress functional or dysfunctional? If you consider Congress functional then why and what should be done to protect it? If Congress is dysfunctional, why and how would you propose to fix it? 2) As an institution, does Congress serve the country well in these times? What major internal challenges does Congress as an institution face over the next decade? 3) Is the Executive branch of government overstepping its constitutional boundaries with its regulatory edicts? (You can use a specific example.)

You can take either approach. The purpose of the paper is for you to articulate your views and opinions on Congress and/or the Executive. Going to the library and summarizing relevant articles alone will not earn high marks. You need to interview Congressional, Regulatory staff and members of Congress and use their insight to deepen your own views. You should also convey your firsthand impressions and observations collected from your externship experience. This paper demands that you move beyond the confines of your assigned office to gain a greater sense of the institution and the process.

Also as a part of your paper, I would like you to list the books off the reading assignment you read and what was the key lesson you learned from the book. I expect you to read the first two. The third is optional.

The first two are about Washington and how it operates. "Washington" by Meg Greenfield, 2002, chronicles the Washington of yesterday, from her perspective as a key editorial writer for the Washington Post. The second one, "This town" by Mark Leibovich, 2013, is a more cynical view of the present day Washington.

The third, "The Last Great Senate", by Ira Shapiro, 2013, chronicles the Senate from 1962 to 1980.

All of these books are available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

If you have any questions at any time, please contact me. (mike.house@hoganlovells.com)
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2016 COURSE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Tax Reform

Guest: Robert Glennon – Partner, Hogan Lovells, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Florida
John Stanton, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Staff House Banking Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Washington Career Night: Beginning and Sustaining a Career in Washington

Guest: John Cox, Association Executive, Verto Solutions
Debra Ashford, Partner, Hogan Lovells, General Counsel, Presidential Inaugural Committee
Brad Knox, Senior Vice President, AFLAC

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Controlling Corporate Risk in the New Regulatory Environment

Guest: Jackie Glassman, Former Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Partner, Hogan Lovells

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Governmental and Political Law Compliance

Guest: Mike Gilliland, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Head of the Political Law Compliance Practice

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Congress vs. Congress: How the Congress Has Changed

Guest: Former Senator John Warner (R-VA)
Former Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Ten Rules of Success in the Political Process of Washington

Guest: Bob Kyle, former Deputy Secretary, OMB, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Adjunct Professor of Law Georgetown University

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Power of Non Profits and Think Tanks in the Policy Debate

Guest: Tamara Luzzato – Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Pew Trust;
Former Chief of Staff to Senator Hillary Clinton

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Dinner at Home of Mike and Gina House

MONDAY, MAY 2

Paper due