Join the excitement stirring in the Town and Village Court Unit of the Third Judicial District. Help make a real contribution to the implementation of the Chief Judge’s Action Plan by being part of the changing landscape of New York’s most diverse courts.

Interns in the Town and Village Unit work under the direct supervision of the Special Counsel. The Special Counsel’s education and experience is as follows:

- B.A. Union College, 1983
- J.D. Albany Law School, 1986
- Private Practice of Law, 1986-1996
- Corporation Counsel, City of Rensselaer, 1989-1991
- Principle Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice, 1997-2006
- Court Attorney, Third Judicial District, 2006-2007
- Special Counsel to Town and Village Courts in the Third Judicial District, 2007-Present
- Acting Village Justice, Village of Kinderhook, 2000-2008
- Village Justice, Village of Kinderhook, 2008-Present

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The Role of Town and Village Justice Courts in New York State

Many New Yorkers have their first and only Court experience in a locally funded Town or Village Court. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals has developed an Action Plan to assist the Town and Village Courts to improve and enhance their operations. The Town and Village Courts play a vital role in the New York State Unified Court System. The Town and Village Courts have broad jurisdiction and hear both civil and criminal matters.

On the civil side the Town and Village Courts hear actions seeking monetary awards up to $30,000. Town and Village Courts handle landlord/tenant matters, building code violations, vehicle and traffic violations, dog cases and small claims.

On the criminal side, Justice Courts are authorized to hear matters involving the prosecution of misdemeanors and violations that are committed within the boundaries of the Town or Village. The Town and Village Courts also conduct arraignments and preliminary hearings in felony matters.

Town and Village Justices are required to be on-call 24 hours a day and are often called upon to arraign misdemeanor and felony charges, as well as to act as Family Court Judges when Family Court is not in session. In cases involving domestic violence Justices are also authorized to issue orders of protection.

Enhance your learning experience by serving as an intern in the Third Judicial District:

- Assist in the drafting of decisions on motions filed within the 130 Courts in the Third Judicial District
- Assist with the implementation of the Action Plan for the Town and Village Courts as promulgated by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Assist in the development of training materials for the Town and Village Justices in the Third Judicial District
- Participate in Moot Court training sessions for Town and Village Courts
- Observe the inter-workings of the Courts within the Third Judicial District

Where we are and who we serve:

The 3rd Judicial District spans Seven Counties:

- Albany County
- Columbia County
- Greene County
- Rensselaer County
- Schoharie County
- Sullivan County
- Ulster County

Within the seven counties the Third Judicial District services 130 Town and Village Courts.

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