



Residency

Statement of Professional Goals of

(*Student name*) Harper Smith

I am interested in a Residency with Judge Walker (*Residency Placement name*) because I want to: learn more about advanced judicial writing at the appellate court level. I want to improve my knowledge and understanding about effective written communication and oral advocacy in practice. This placement will help me to improve my legal research and writing. I hope to obtain a judicial clerkship post-graduation and working with Judge Walker will also help me to learn what is important to an appellate judge in reviewing and considering briefs and oral arguments.

Relevant background information:

I have previous experience working in a law office with a large trial practice. In my internship, I worked on a case that had been reversed because an important piece of evidence had been improperly admitted. I know how important it is to prepare effective trial materials. A placement with Judge Walker will help me to understand how trial testimony and exhibits are reviewed and accepted at the appellate level of review.

Student Colleagues:

The purpose of this document is to provide Residency supervising attorneys with a short, directed statement explaining what you want to learn and what you hope to accomplish in the placement.

If you have background that you think is relevant feel free to include it. I have intentionally used an example for a student who is seeking a placement with a judge. Please do not copy. The language will not apply universally.

This is also a good platform for your first assignment in Residency: preparing a comprehensive Goal Statement for your particular placement.

(Do not exceed a combined total of 10 sentences.)