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I am pleased to announce the newest addition to our already broad array of experiential education programs <http://law.rwu.edu/feinsteincenter/experiential-learning> - the RWU Law Washington, D.C. Semester-in-Practice Program. This program will immerse RWU law students in one of the most exciting and diversified legal markets in the world. Under the direction of Professor and former Associate Dean David Zlotnick, RWU Law students will spend a spring semester in Washington in a full-time placement in a government, non-profit, or trade association setting. While in D.C., students will gain valuable practical experience and training, meet and network with established D.C. attorneys including RWU alums, and explore the many ways that a J.D. degree is used in our nation's capital. This program provides an ideal opportunity for RWU Law students who are considering working in Washington D.C. after graduation to explore and plan for their future.





Directed by a seasoned law professor, with deep experience in the Washington, D.C. legal community, the 12-credit program involves 35 hours per week in an externship placement and attendance at a weekly two-hour class. Professor Zlotnick will work with each student to arrange an externship placement that fits their personal goals. The classroom component will be a mix of problem solving “externship rounds,” guest speakers who will walk students through a “case study” of a unique issue they faced in their legal career, and reflection and professional development exercises. Class sessions and readings will provide a broad perspective on government institutions and the entities that attempt to influence and/or litigate against the government and governmental policies. Stay tuned for details about this exciting initiative.