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**Judicial Fellow named for spring 2020: Michaela N. Mangum**

Michaela N. Mangum has been named a Judicial Fellow for the spring 2020 semester by the Delaware Judiciary and the Institute for Public Administration at the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration.

Mangum, 24, of Mooresville, N.C. is studying for her Master of Science in Disaster Science and Management at the University of Delaware. This is the third year for the Judicial Fellows Program for the Delaware Judiciary, which launched in January 2017.

Mangum is a graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., where she earned a B.S. in Political Science/International and Comparative Politics. As an undergraduate, she was part of a study abroad program in Ifrane, Morocco, and served in AmeriCorps from June 2018 to May 2019, working in Federal Emergency Management offices in Texas, California, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia assisting in disaster relief operations.

Prior classes of Judicial Fellows focused on researching how to help inmates with debt from court and other state fees; participating in the preparation, planning and launch of Delaware Courts' Community Court initiative; and contributing to other Access to Justice initiatives. This semester, the Judicial Fellow will focus on statistical projects and human resources issues among other matters.

The Judicial Fellows Program (<https://www.sppa.udel.edu/ipa/student-opportunities/judicial-fellows>) is a joint effort between the Delaware Judicial Branch and the Biden School's Institute for Public Administration (IPA) and is modeled on IPA's successful and long-running Legislative Fellows Program. In the Judicial Fellows Program, a full-time graduate-level student works with the Delaware Administrative Office of the Courts, gaining on-the-job experience while assisting court staff in researching pressing government and legal issues and helping to implement solutions.

Mangum said she applied for the Judicial Fellows Program because she was interested in learning about the court system and in particular the Delaware Judiciary's recently launched Community Court initiative. "I like how the focus is on trying to help address the root causes of crime and break the cycle of criminal behavior," she said.

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