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## I. UPCOMING PROGRAMS



### **Yale Law School's Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference**

Reblaw is the largest student-run public interest conference in the United States. The 2017 conference will be held on **Friday, Feb. 17**, and **Saturday, Feb. 18** at Yale Law School.

Every year the conference brings together practitioners, law students, and community activists from around the country to discuss innovative, progressive approaches to law and social change. The conference, grounded in the spirit of [Gerald Lopez's Rebellious Lawyering](#), seeks to build a community of law students, practitioners, and activists seeking to work in the service of social change movements and to challenge hierarchies of race, wealth, gender, and expertise within legal practice and education.

To Register: Contact us the conference planners: [reblaw@yale.edu](mailto:reblaw@yale.edu)

## II. PRO BONO OPPORUTNITIES

### **LGBT Legal Education and Outreach Project**

Through this innovative, interdisciplinary, community based service-learning program – the recipient of a Rutgers University Newark Chancellor's Seed Grant – law students have the opportunity to collaborate with the law school's LGBTQ Caucus, the Center for Gender Sexuality and Law and Policy and the NYC LGBT Bar Association. The project is the first NJ based LGBTQ legal advice center. Law student volunteers work under the supervision of pro bono attorneys in providing legal advice and referral to clients. The time commitment is flexible (*10 hours per semester*) and the benefits include the following:

- The opportunity to gain hands on experience under the supervision of experienced pro bono attorneys in both NYC and NJ;
- Enhancing your marketability for \*public interest\* internships who emphasize \*demonstrated commitment\* of this sort in making summer hiring decisions.
- The ability to provide vital legal information to the LGBTQ community;
- The ability to fulfill pro bono requirements including the MSP and NY 50 Hour requirements

## **NJ Law Commission Announces Research Projects for Student Volunteers**

- *Gain valuable hands on legal research and drafting experience*
- *Fulfill the Rutgers Pro Bono Recognition Requirement and NY 50 Hour requirement*
- *Enhance your marketability*

**Time Commitment:** The project has short-term research projects that will require a *10 hour* commitment as well as a number of projects that will require a *20-25 hour* commitment.

**Eligibility:** These projects are available to 2Ls and 3Ls with outstanding research and writing skills.

**Application Instructions:** If you are interested in participating, *please send your resume and a brief statement of interest to Susan Feathers-[sjf151@law.rutgers.edu](mailto:sjf151@law.rutgers.edu)*. Please indicate whether you are seeking a “limited time commitment” project of a 20-25 hour project (and if you are interested in a 20-25 hour project, also indicate up to three projects that you are interested in participating in.

### **Projects Requiring Limited Time Commitment**

The NJLRC is required, by statute, to conduct an ongoing review of the body of general and permanent statutes of New Jersey, but also of the cases construing those statutes. The NJLRC uses case alerts to monitor judicial decisions that might present a project for the Commission. The cases identified by case alerts are required to be reviewed and a determination made regarding whether the Court’s determination does, or does not, identify an area in which statutory revision could address a problem identified by the Court. The time required to review a case, make a preliminary determination regarding the issue presented, and prepare a short memorandum varies, but the necessary work may generally be completed in 10 hours. While the selection of available cases varies, a student who is seeking a limited pro bono commitment should feel free to request a case (or a couple of cases) to review.

### **Projects Requiring Approximately 20-25 Hours (during the Spring Semester)**

There are several categories of NJLRC projects on which a student may expect to invest 20 – 25 hours over the course of a semester. These categories of projects are identified below.

**Current Projects:** Generally – these projects are in the early or middle stages of work, and research may be of assistance to the lead attorney in determining the proper scope and shape of the project; in addition, general areas of research are identified below:

- **Consumer Fraud Act (2013)** – the Commission authorized a project in this area but only preliminary work has been done to this time. Staff’s review suggested that given the extensive nature of the CFA, the presence of redundancy and ambiguity in its terms and structure, and the ongoing interest in a robust consumer protection statute, revising and restructuring the CFA could improve clarity, excise redundancy, and attempt to address ambiguities identified in case law by scholars and legislators. Student work in one of any number of areas would be of assistance to the lead attorney on this project – particularly in reviewing the statute and proposing structural changes to make it more accessible to the reader.
- **Department of Corrections ID (2013)** – The Commission authorized work in this area, but it has been challenging to obtain relevant information, and some general research regarding how this re-entry issue is addressed in other states could be very useful to the Commission.
- **Municipal Vacancies (2013)** – It was brought to the attention of the Commission some years ago that persistent municipal vacancies on governing boards and bodies can impair municipal functioning. There are 12 forms of government in New Jersey’s 560+ municipalities. Student assistance is sought to identify the statutes pertaining to each form of municipal government, identify the various types of vacancies, and identify the statutes setting forth the manner in which vacancies shall be filled.
- **New Jersey Property-Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act (2014)** – the Commission authorized work in this area, which is just getting underway, so a review of the law in New Jersey and a search for relevant secondary source materials (journal and other articles on the topic) would be of assistance to the lead attorney on this project.
- **Non-profit Organizations (2015)**– The Commission began working in this area in response to a concern that New Jersey’s Nonprofit Corporations law may benefit from revisions reflecting similar provisions in New Jersey’s Business Corporation statute and to determine whether unincorporated nonprofit associations require statutory protections traditionally afforded to other types of entities.
- **Public Health and Safety Law (2015)** - The Commission initiated a project concerning N.J.S. 2C:40-18, a statutory provision which establishes several degrees of criminal fault for an individual who knowingly violates, or fails to perform a duty required by, a public health or safety law, and recklessly causes death or bodily injury as a result. This provision came to the Commission’s attention as a result of the New Jersey Supreme Court’s decision in *State v. Lenihan*, 219 N.J. 251 (2014). Assistance in researching and gathering further information regarding the intent, scope and potential applicability of N.J.S. 2C:40-18, would be of help to Staff since the goal is to prepare a Tentative Report for the Commission’s consideration in early 2016.
- **Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (2008)** – In 2008, the Uniform Law Commission released a revised version of its Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act. In particular, the Uniform Act seeks to provide (1) definition of the types of organizations covered; (2) the relation of the act to other existing laws; (3) the recognition that a UNA is a legal entity and the legal implications flowing from this status, including the ability of a UNA to own and dispose of property and to sue and be sued in its own name; (4) the contract and tort liability of a UNA and its members and managers; (5) internal governance, fiduciary duties, and agency authority; and (6) dissolution and merger. An analysis of comparable current New Jersey law in this area would be useful to ascertain whether New Jersey’s existing law could be enhanced or clarified.

- **Sidewalk Tort Liability (2016)** – The goal of this project is to determine whether statutory revisions will best address sidewalk liability in circumstances where the property is not distinctly residential or commercial, but instead may be classified as a hybrid form of ownership or a mixed use property. Student assistance will be helpful to review articles focusing on the issues in this area, conducting 50-state research to determine the manner in which other states have dealt with the issue, and proposing a list of factors to be considered if a standard for liability is to be codified in this area.
- **Uniform Power of Attorney (2006/2010)** – Student work to review New Jersey’s existing body of law and the revised UPOA and identify provisions in the Uniform law that do not currently appear in New Jersey’s law would be very helpful at this preliminary stage of the project.
- **Uniform Probate Code (2010)** - New Jersey’s probate law, Title 3B, is modeled on the 1969 version of the Uniform Probate Code and was revised in 1990 to reflect subsequent amendments to the UPC. Although New Jersey has not yet proposed or enacted the most recent amendments to the UPC (released in 2010), the Uniform Trust Code (UTC), enacted by the New Jersey Legislature in the previous legislative session, supplements and revises New Jersey’s existing *trust laws*. The NJLRC has preliminarily identified, with the assistance of pro bono students from prior semesters, areas of the NJ law in which the inclusion of UPC provisions might be of some benefit. Work in this area continues, and student help will be of considerable assistance in moving this large project forward.

### III. SUMMER FUNDING PROGRAMS

#### **Michael Maggio Immigrant Rights’ Summer Fellowships**

*The Michael Maggio Immigrants’ Rights Summer Fellowship was established jointly in 2009 by the America Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law (CHRCL), and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIP/NLG), to commemorate the life and legal contributions of Michael Maggio.*

[Michael Maggio](#) was an extraordinary immigration attorney and individual who was a life-long advocate for justice, equality, and peace. Throughout his career, Michael received countless professional awards and was honored for his extraordinary legal representation, astute strategizing, unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards, and his deep passion for justice and upholding the rule of law. He was an active member of AILA, the National Lawyers Guild, and served on the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project. He was also an active supporter of the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law. Michael died in February 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer.

The Maggio Immigrants’ Right Fellowship program selected its first recipient in 2009, for summer 2010. One summer fellowship will be awarded to a law student each year.

The primary mission of the fellowship program is to strengthen law students’ long-term commitment to promote justice and equality for vulnerable immigrant groups. Fellows will be chosen by the three sponsoring organizations, and will be selected based on the strength of their proposed host site and project.

**Responsibilities of Host Organization:** The host organization must be willing to host the student for 10 weeks and provide a \$1,500 stipend. The \$1,500 amount may be paid from the host organization's funds or may be provided by the law student through other means, e.g., law school public interest funding, independent fundraising, etc. The host organization must commit to supervise and provide all logistical needs of the Fellow including office space and supplies.

**Stipend and Other Benefits:** The total stipend payment for the ten-week summer Fellowship is \$4,000. For the 2017 Fellowship, fiscal sponsor the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law will pay \$2,500 and the host organization will pay \$1,500. The Fellow will also receive the following benefits:

1. a complimentary registration for the 2017 AILA Annual Conference in New Orleans;
2. a complimentary registration to the 2017 NLG Annual Convention;
3. a \$500 travel stipend to attend the 2017 National Lawyers Guild Annual Convention;
4. a complimentary registration to the National Immigration Project's Immigration Skills seminar, if any, at the 2017 NLG Convention.

### **Application Instructions:**

[View the selection criteria and application form.](#)

[Download the Maggio Fellowship brochure in PDF format.](#)

**EJW ANNOUNCED RURAL LEGAL SERVICES CORP PROGRAM: funding 30 law students nationwide**

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS (EJW)  
<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org>

### **Job Description**

Equal Justice Works and the Legal Services Corporation are actively recruiting students to fill 30 exciting positions nationwide in the 2017 Rural Summer Legal Corps.

Selected participants will receive a \$5,000 *stipend* for the summer as well as intensive training from poverty law experts on housing, domestic violence, public benefits, migrant farmworkers, Native American, and family law in Washington, DC. After the training, the law students will return directly to their host site to continue their 8-10 *week* placement.

*Application Instructions:*

Interested applicants can learn more about 2017 host organizations and apply at <https://rurallegalcorps.org/>.

**Application Deadline: 02/17/2017**

## IV. SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

### CORNELL LAW SCHOOL: FARMWORKER LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC



#### **About the Clinic:**

Employment on a farm is one of the world's most difficult and dangerous occupations. Farmworkers experience geographic, linguistic, and cultural isolation, separation from family, immigration insecurity reinforced by policing practices, workplace sexual violence, and exclusion from protective employment laws. Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic ("FLAC") opened its doors in August of 2015, and is one of few law school clinics representing farmworkers. FLAC's caseload balances both immigration and employment matters, and its client base includes undocumented as well as documented workers and farmworker families. FLAC also teams with community partners across the country to work on both cases and research projects of critical importance to farmworkers in the broadest sense, nationally and internationally, in the fields and in production plants.

#### **Job Description**

FLAC seeks to hire several law students to serve as summer law clerks in 2017. Together with existing FLAC staff, summer law clerks will oversee the current caseload and develop new cases to be added to FLAC's docket for the fall 2017 term. We anticipate that law clerks will have the opportunity to draft court pleadings, do legal research and writing on immigration and employment issues, engage in fact development, conduct client and witness interviews, and participate in outreach to farmworker communities along with our community partners. Because of FLAC's client base, Spanish proficiency is an added benefit, but is not required—non-Spanish speaking law clerks will have the opportunity to learn the skill of lawyering through interpreters. Summer law clerk positions are unpaid; however, we are willing and able to support applicants in obtaining third-party funding or externship credit for the positions.

#### **Application Instructions:**

Students wishing to apply for a summer law clerk position should please send the following information via email to FLAC Clinical Teaching Fellow Briana Beltran at [briana.beltran@cornell.edu](mailto:briana.beltran@cornell.edu):

- (1) A cover letter,
- (2) A current resume,
- (3) Two references (at least one employer reference),

- (4) A legal writing sample, and
- (5) An unofficial law school transcript.

## COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL'S KNIGHT FELLOWSHIP

**About Us:** The newly established Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University is looking for its inaugural class of summer legal interns. We want creative, motivated, and committed law students to join us in the defense of the freedoms of speech and the press. You'll get to do ground-breaking First Amendment litigation and to help us in the early stages of building an exciting new free-speech advocacy and research organization.

The Knight First Amendment Institute works to preserve and expand the freedoms of speech and the press in the digital age through strategic litigation, research, and public education. We'll tackle a wide range of issues including free speech on social media, net neutrality, government surveillance, intermediary liability, the rights of whistleblowers, the right of journalists to protect their sources, the right of citizens to record and broadcast police activity, encryption, machine speech, and government transparency.

We'll pay a modest stipend to students who don't receive outside funding or course credit.

**Responsibilities:** Your primary responsibility as a legal intern will be to support our litigation. You'll work alongside the Institute's attorneys on all aspects of our litigation, including the exploration of new lawsuits, the research and analysis of legal questions, the development of litigation strategy, and the drafting of factual and legal memoranda, affidavits, and briefs.

Given how new the Institute is, we'll look to you for a bit more this summer. As we build the Institute, we'll ask for your help with some of the foundational decisions we are making about our litigation and research priorities for the next few years.

**Qualifications:** The summer legal internship is open to law students who will have completed their first year of law school before the internship begins. Applicants should possess excellent research, writing, and communication skills, and have a deep commitment to human rights principles and to the freedoms of speech and the press in particular.

The internship is full-time, and we'll give preference to those who can commit to a ten-week term. Anticipated start date is May 30, 2017, continuing through August 4, 2017. We'll pay a modest stipend to students who don't receive outside funding or course credit.

### **Application Instructions:**

Send the following to [interns@knightcolumbia.org](mailto:interns@knightcolumbia.org):

- A cover letter explaining your interest in the internship, including a description of any relevant life or work experience,
- A resume
- The contact information for two references
- An official or unofficial transcript
- One or two writing samples, at least one of which should include legal analysis



## **HARVARD LEGAL AID BUREAU**

*The Harvard Legal Aid Bureau was founded in 1913 to provide free legal services for low-income people in the Greater Boston community. As the nation's oldest student-run legal services organization, the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau aspires to be an engine for progressive change and social justice. To learn even more about the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, visit <http://www.harvardlegalaid.org/>*

### **Job Description**

The Harvard Legal Aid Bureau seeks to hire approximately 15 law students to serve as Summer Legal Interns for 2017. Summer Legal Interns will be the primary case handlers on approximately 10-15 cases at a time in the areas of housing, family, government benefits, and wage and hour litigation. They interact directly with clients, opposing parties, witnesses, and government agencies, engage in extensive factual and legal investigation, draft motions and briefs, research legal issues, conduct discovery, and appear and argue in court. Rising 3Ls and 2Ls may apply, though rising 3Ls and rising 2Ls who have taken an evidence or trial advocacy course are preferred.

HLAB Summer Legal Interns are supervised by HLAB's Clinical Instructors, practicing attorneys with years of trial and supervision experience, and students will be trained in all the relevant areas of the law. HLAB Summer Legal Interns generally experience a broad range of litigation and legal experience in as many as four primary practice areas. In the Family Law practice, HLAB represents victims of domestic violence in restraining order hearings, divorces, paternity, visitation, child support, and custody disputes. In the Housing Law practice, HLAB represents individual clients who are being evicted from public, subsidized, and private housing, and also works with tenant unions and other progressive organizations to ensure the availability of affordable housing in the Greater Boston area. In the Government Benefits practice, HLAB represents clients at hearings to obtain or retain their Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits or unemployment benefits. Finally, in the Fair Wage practice, HLAB allows students to work on affirmative lawsuits addressing violations of state and federal labor laws. We ask student to choose a primary concentration in the area of housing or family law. Summer Legal Interns working at HLAB maintain a full-time (40 hours per week) schedule. Though HLAB is unable to pay its Summer Legal Interns due to funding restrictions, we work closely with hired students to secure third-party funding.

**Application Instructions** (accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled): Please send (1) **a resume**, (2) **a cover letter**, (3) **a law school transcript**; (4) **two references**; and (5) **a legal writing sample** to:

Jackie Ebert, Outreach Director Harvard Legal Aid Bureau 23 Everett Street, First Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02138 [HLABrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:HLABrecruitment@gmail.com)

## JUSTICE IN MOTION

<http://www.globalworkers.org>

Justice in Motion (formerly Global Workers Justice Alliance) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect migrant rights by developing and supporting a cross-border network of advocates and resources. Justice in Motion is based in Brooklyn, New York.



At the core of Justice in Motion's programming is the maintenance of a network of human rights defenders in Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Among other things, members of the Defender Network partner with U.S. and Canadian advocates to advance justice across borders for migrants and their families by providing country of origin support in cases pending in the United States. Justice in Motion is a leader in the dynamic fields of transnational litigation and labor migration policy advocacy throughout the region.

Justice in Motion is offering an unpaid summer internship opportunity for a law student seeking research and writing experience in a non-profit setting. The Legal Director will closely supervise the intern's work on various legal research and writing projects.

### Sample Projects

- Research and write legal memoranda as needed to support legal action program casework and scholarship.
- Assist in the design, research, draft and edit of legal training materials in English and Spanish. Educational resources may be for U.S. and Canadian advocates or members of the Defender Network. Training topics may include the temporary foreign worker visa system, migrant rights in countries of employment and countries of origin, remedies for recruitment fraud and abuse on both sides of the border, transnational civil litigation procedure, and humanitarian immigration relief.
- Provide support to Justice in Motion policy advocacy to achieve greater transparency in the temporary foreign worker visa system.

### Qualifications

- Law student in good standing at accredited law school
- Strong legal research and writing skills
- Ability to maintain deadlines, initiative and ability to perform tasks independently
- Professional language proficiency (oral and written) in both Spanish and English

### *Application Instructions:*

Justice in Motion values diversity in our workplace and encourages candidates of all backgrounds to apply. Please send your cover letter, resume, contact information for two references, and a recent legal writing sample (attached as Word or PDF documents) to

[apply@justiceinotion.org](mailto:apply@justiceinotion.org). In the subject line of the email, please write "Summer 2017 Law Student Intern – [Your Name]." No phone calls please! Position open until filled.

**Application Deadline: 04/01/2017**

## MICHIGAN POVERTY LAW PROGRAM (MPLP)

<http://www.mplp.org>



**Ann Arbor, MI**  
**Application Deadline:**  
**02/24/2017**

The Michigan Legal Help Program is hiring law clerks for its Ann Arbor, MI office. The Michigan

Legal Help Program (MLHP) helps people in handling simple civil legal problems without a lawyer. One primary product of the MLHP is MichiganLegalHelp.org, an interactive, statewide website that provides legal information and referrals to self-represented litigants. Legal information includes Articles, Common Questions, procedural instructions, and Do-It-Yourself tools that enable litigants to complete legal forms. The website also contains jurisdiction- and topic- specific referrals to legal services offices, lawyer referral services, and community organizations.

MLHP supports a Spanish language version of the site at AyudaLegaldeMichigan.org, and provides live chat assistance for all web visitors between 11am – 3pm weekdays. The Michigan Legal Help Program also opens and supports affiliated Self-Help Centers around the state, where litigants can use the website on public computers and get additional help and legal information assistance from trained Navigators.

**Job Description:** Students will assist with content development and maintenance (reviewing & updating existing legal information content according to Quality Assurance Protocols; conducting research and drafting new legal information content for the website; learning plain language writing skills; etc.); participate in the testing of new Do-It-Yourself form tools; and assist with staffing LiveHelp (chat-based to website visitors); and engage in other projects that are active during the course of their clerkship including triage and online intake. See the product of our work at michiganlegalhelp.org.

**Qualifications:** Law students, preferably with one year of law school completed. It is helpful if the student has experience working with low-income persons. All applicants are encouraged to apply, especially minorities, women and persons with disabilities. No special technology skills are required – just a desire to help self-represented litigants succeed.

**Application Instructions:** The deadline for applications is **February 24, 2017**. If you are interested in a law clerk position with MLH, please e-mail a **cover letter and resume** to:

Angela Tripp, Director, Michigan Legal Help Program via Christine Rogers at [crogers@mplp.org](mailto:crogers@mplp.org)

## **PRISONERS' RIGHTS DEFENSE PROJECT: Cameroon**

<http://www.humanisright.org/>

The Prisoners' Rights Defense Project aims to observe the conditions of detainees in the Cameroonian prison system and to subsequently give them assistance, both in a legal way and by trying to improve the above mentioned conditions.

The Prisoners' Rights Defense Project was originally created as a strong mean of control of the inhuman conditions of detainees in the Cameroonian prisons, to report lacks, abuses and acts of violence, especially related to human rights, and thus to improve the standards of living in jail.

### **Job Description:**

Interns will assess the prison conditions, give legal assistance to untried prisoners without sufficient financial means, by also working with several pro bono lawyers who cooperate with Human IS Right.

Interns will also contribute in developing the program even further to our next step: give a second opportunity to people who were unjustly jailed. The intern will assist prisoners after their release by primarily giving them an opportunity to find a job and therefore to be independent and create a new own life.

### **Basic Requirements for International Interns:**

- Ability to work independently within a team and to drive projects forward with minimal supervision
- Ability and motivation to contribute effectively to both the organization's field work and office responsibilities (both are vital to success)
- A general understanding of human rights and the desire to learn more
- Willingness to familiarize oneself with all documents relating to the past work of the intern's project
- Adherence to the confidentiality of sensitive information pertaining to the intern's work
- Respect for the copyright nature of all written documents prepared by interns, all of which shall be the property of Human is Right
- Fluency in spoken and written English
- Computer literacy

### **Application Instructions:**

For more information or to apply contact [blaise.chamango@humanisright.org](mailto:blaise.chamango@humanisright.org) or [humanisrightintl@gmail.com](mailto:humanisrightintl@gmail.com) or call +237675019143



Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Law Project is seeking legal interns for Summer 2017. We have openings at both our downtown Brooklyn office and our Staten Island office. The Staten Island office is located within the recently opened Staten Island Family Justice Center. Please specify your location preference in your cover letter.

Safe Horizon is the largest provider of assistance to domestic violence victims in New York City. As part of this mission, the Domestic Violence Law Project (DVLP) provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence who cannot afford to hire a lawyer. Legal services are offered in family offense, custody and visitation, divorce, and child support proceedings. DVLP staff also provides information, legal advice, referrals, community education, and develops trainings for advocates, counselors and survivors.

**Legal Intern Responsibilities:** Conduct intake interviews with prospective clients; draft petitions, motions and other court related documents; research pertinent legal issues and conduct extensive legal writing; assist attorneys in preparation for trial; correspond with third-party agencies and departments as required to meet client's needs.

Sensitivity to domestic violence issues, dedication to public interest law, and excellent legal writing skills required. Working knowledge of Spanish or other languages preferred but not required.

Summer internships begin in June and end in August. We accept applications until the positions are filled. We request that interns commit to 35 hours a week for Summer internships.

**Application Instructions:** If interested in a legal internship/externship, please send a **resume and cover letter** indicating the semester you are interested and your availability to: Melissa Paquette [Melissa.paquette@safehorizon.org](mailto:Melissa.paquette@safehorizon.org)

## **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF PRO SE LITIGATION**

<http://nysd.uscourts.gov/>

The Office of Pro Se Litigation of the Southern District of New York is seeking candidates for its summer internship program. Approximately twenty percent of the Court's total civil docket is comprised of pro se cases, including actions brought by prisoners for civil rights violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and challenges to the constitutionality of convictions or detentions under the habeas corpus statutes, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2255, 2254, and 2241. Other typical cases include employment discrimination actions and appeals from the denials of benefits by the Social Security Administration, as well as other cases arising out of federal law, including diversity of citizenship, copyright, immigration, labor, securities, and tax.

The Court is unable to fund internships. Please note that in the past, Office of Pro Se Litigation interns have qualified for public interest grants, fellowship funds, and course credit through their schools.

**Qualifications:**

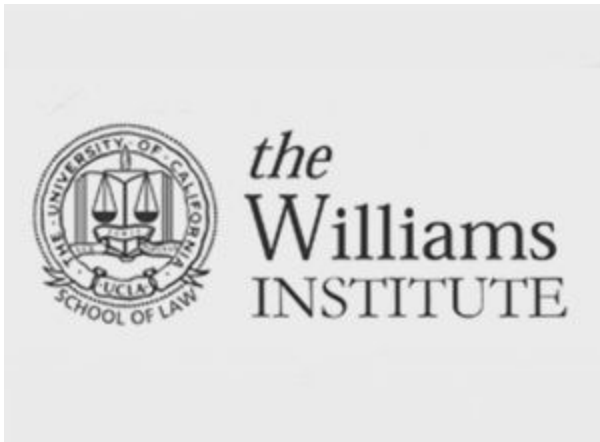
The Office's chief counsel and nine staff attorneys are employed by the Court and serve all the judges and magistrate judges of the Southern District. Under staff attorney supervision, interns will research and write draft orders and memoranda of law and work on independent research projects. Interns will have a rare opportunity to learn civil procedure, civil rights, and constitutional law, and to work with experienced attorneys behind the scenes at the oldest, and one of the largest, federal courthouses in the nation. ***Ideal candidates will have strong research and writing skills and a demonstrated commitment to public interest law***

**Application Instructions:** Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and a 5-10-page writing sample, and be sent by email to [PSLC@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:PSLC@nysd.uscourts.gov) using "Summer Internship Application" as the subject line (all documents should be combined into a single PDF file).

*Contact Information:*

[PSLC@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:PSLC@nysd.uscourts.gov)  
Human Resources  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Application Deadline: 02/17/2017**



**Williams Institute**

**2017 Summer Law Fellowship Program.**

For the summer of 2017, the Williams Institute will award 1-2 summer law fellowships which provide law students, or recent law school graduates, with a \$5,000 stipend for 10 weeks of full-time work with the Williams Institute. Fellows will engage in legal research and writing to support Williams Institute projects focused on law and policy issues impacting LGBT people.

**Application Instructions:** [Click here to apply.](#)

[Click here to see a list of former summer fellows.](#)

## V. POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Postgraduate public interest fellowships enable many recent graduates to secure entry-level positions with nonprofit organizations, government entities, and educational institutions. Rutgers Law School provides our students with a variety of resources to support students pursuing post-graduate fellowships including the following:

- Post-graduate fellowship workshops;
- Individualized counseling for law students pursuing post-graduate fellowships;
- A Post-Graduate Fellowship Resource Guide (updated annually) including detailed information about over 100 fellowships; post-graduate fellowship drafting tips; and sample applications
- Weekly updates about upcoming post-graduate fellowship deadlines.

See: <https://law.rutgers.edu/sites/law/files/attachments/Post-Graduate%20Fellowship%20Guide%202016.pdf>

### FAQ: Post-Graduate Fellowships

**What distinguishes fellowships from permanent positions?** Typically, fellowships are term-limited opportunities (one to two years) designed to give a recent law graduate or junior attorney experience in public interest practice.

**How are fellowships funded?** Broadly speaking, fellowships are funded in one of two ways:

1. An **organization-based fellowship** is funded by the organization for which the fellow is working. The American Civil Liberties Union, for instance, hosts several fellows working on various issues. To the extent that the organization employing the fellow is also funding the fellowship, this is like a staff attorney job where the employer is paying the employee's salary. Most research/academic fellowships are also funded in this manner. Contrast this with...
2. A **project-based fellowship** is funded by a third-party organization, allowing the fellow to work – usually on a specific project – with a host organization. For example, a graduating law student may wish to establish a project assisting homeless veterans. A legal services organization may desire to host the student to set up and run this project, but may not have the funding to do so. With the legal services organization's cooperation, the law student would apply to a fellowship funding organization to fund the project. There are several such funding organizations. In the public interest, legal arena, **Equal Justice Works** and the **Skadden Fellowship Foundation** are the largest funders and among the most sought-after fellowships.

**What are the benefits of a fellowship?** Foremost, fellows can use their legal skills to effect positive change for disadvantaged populations and/or society in general. They generally receive top-rate training and supervision. Also, many organizations use fellowships as a point of entry to continued employment. And because application processes are so competitive, a fellowship is an impressive credential. So even if continued employment with a host organization does not materialize, a fellow has a strong professional foundation on which to build.

**How do I apply for fellowships? Where are the resources?** There is a great deal of independent research that you should do. Whether you are considering organization- or project-based fellowships, you must think about issues that make you passionate and goals that you would like to achieve during a fellowship. You should also think about the type of organization with which you would like to work.

**What about government fellowships?** Government entities host fellows as well. A prime example is the [Presidential Management Fellows \(PMF\) Program](#). PMF is a competitive program that

recruits law grads and those from other disciplines to work in executive branch agencies. Honors programs and other government programs that act as fellowships can be found on [USAJobs](#).

**What about academic/research fellowships?** Law schools and other academic/research institutions are popular hosts for postgraduate fellows. Many teaching-oriented fellowships are like organizational fellowships in that the hosting academic institution funds the Fellow. Some research-based fellowships, however, may require the fellowship applicant to secure funding from a third-party funder. The PSJD website contain jobs listings for both types of fellowships.

## RECENTLY POSTED POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS



### AARP FOUNDATION LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP

AARP Foundation is the charitable arm of AARP that helps millions of struggling adults age 50 and over win back opportunity. AARP Foundation Litigation (AFL) is the Foundation's litigation division and an advocate in courts nationwide for the rights of older adults. AFL addresses diverse legal issues that affect the daily lives of the vulnerable 50 plus and assures that they have a voice in the judicial system. AFL's expertise includes: age and disability discrimination, consumer protection, employee benefits, investor protection, health, housing, livable communities, and low-income benefits. AFL handles high-impact litigation in trial courts and files amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court and federal and state appellate courts. For more information about the AFL's work, please visit [www.aarpfoundation.org/litigation](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/litigation).

AFL is seeking several Law Fellows to work under the supervision of AFL attorneys beginning in Fall 2017. The Law Fellow will conduct legal research, draft legal documents, and support AFL staff with advocacy related to issues that impact adults age 50 plus.

**Qualifications** are: 1) Graduating law student; 2) Minimum 3.0 GPA; 3) Strong writing and research skills; and 4) Strong oral communication skills.

Please send **resume, writing sample, and transcript** to [wharris@aarps.org](mailto:wharris@aarps.org).

**Application Deadline: 02/28/2017**





**NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL (NRDC) - NEW YORK, NY**

<http://www.nrdc.org>

New York, NY  
Washing, DC  
Chicago, IL  
San Francisco, CA

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is a nonprofit membership organization that has worked to protect the environment and public health since 1970. NRDC advances its mission through litigation, lobbying, research, and education on issues including climate change; public health and environmental justice; air and water pollution; and wildlife and wild places.

NRDC seeks an attorney with four or fewer years of experience to represent NRDC in civil litigation to protect public health and the environment. The fellow will join a Litigation Team of 23 attorneys and 5 assistants who work on a wide range of environmental, public health, and environmental justice issues nationally. The Team has brought cases to safeguard the people of Flint, Michigan, from lead in drinking water; to remediate mercury pollution in the Penobscot River; to abate mold in New York City public housing; and to protect Dickson, Tennessee, residents from carcinogens in their well water and homes. The Team also defends and enforces consumer-disclosure, open-government, and clean-energy laws. The position is a two-year placement, with possibility of renewal. The fellow will be based in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, or Washington, DC, depending on candidate preference and NRDC's needs.

The fellow will work with other members of NRDC's Litigation Team, under the supervision of senior NRDC attorneys, to develop and pursue litigation on behalf of NRDC and its partners. The fellow may also do some institutional work, such as organizing trainings, supervising interns and assistants, and serving on NRDC committees.

## Qualifications:

- Juris Doctorate within the past four years.
- Admission (or eligibility for admission on motion) to the relevant state bar for the office where the fellow will work.
- We value hands-on experience with litigation, such as a judicial clerkship, other post-graduate litigation work, or substantial clinical experience.
- Exceptional legal writing, analytical, and oral advocacy skills.
- Excellent academic and professional record.
- Affinity for creative, tough argument.
- Comfort interpreting scientific and technical concepts.
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for teamwork.
- Ability to work hard, efficiently, and independently.
- A demonstrated commitment to public service or social justice work is preferred.

NRDC is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion. We are equal opportunity employers and do not discriminate in hiring or employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. We offer competitive salaries, excellent benefits, and a collegial working environment. Salary is based on a nonprofit scale and commensurate with experience.

- From the posting for this position on [nrdc.org/jobs](http://nrdc.org/jobs), create a profile and upload your resume. Then use the “additional documents” prompts to upload a cover letter; a legal writing sample that does not reflect substantial editing from others; a list of three professional references; and a law school transcript.
- In your cover letter, please tell us how you found out about this position and specify which offices (among those listed above) you’re able to work in, in order of preference.
- The application deadline is February 17, 2017. NRDC will review applications and schedule interviews for this position on a rolling basis. We prefer a winter or spring start date, but would be willing to consider a later start date for a candidate completing law school, a clerkship, or a fellowship.

**Application Deadline: 02/17/2017**



## NALP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR LAW PLACEMENT) PSJD FELLOW

<http://www.psjd.org>

### Job Description

The PSJD Fellow is the principal manager and administrator of the **PSJD.org** website. PSJD, which is a NALP initiative, is the nation’s largest public interest law jobs database, and includes detailed information on thousands of public interest and

government employers, as well as a library of resources to aid job seekers.

The Fellow has responsibilities for: development of online educational content, management of student interns, basic technology and data management, co-editing the PSJD Blog, using social media to promote PSJD, interacting with NALP members, delivering presentations about the public interest job search, and other tasks as they arise.

The PSJD Fellowship provides a wonderful opportunity for a public-interest minded law graduate who also has an interest in nonprofit administration and technology. Further, the fellowship offers a bird's-eye view of the public interest arena for law graduates on public service career paths.

The Fellow will work at NALP's Washington, DC office.

*Program Administration* - takes primary responsibility for day-to-day management of PSJD functions

- Supervises part-time data entry staff (4-6 part-time interns each semester), coordinates schedules and daily assignments, and approves timesheets;
- Manages website content – continuously updates substantive content, reviews work for accuracy and form, and performs some data entry as needed;
- Oversees data management, including the maintenance of job listings and employer organization profiles on PSJD;
- Responds to support requests from PSJD users, via telephone and email;
- Maintains relationships with administrators at law schools which subscribe to PSJD.

*Technology Management*

- Recommends and implements enhancements to website content and functionality;
- Implements substantive and stylistic changes to PSJD web pages;
- Interacts with PSJD's outside web development contractor to address website operation problems;
- Manages PSJD's social media platforms, including The PSJD Blog.

*Education and Resource Development*

- Researches and produces new PSJD content, and edits existing content;
- Delivers presentations to law students, law school administrators, and public interest employers at job fairs, conferences, on-campus events, and other events (some travel required);
- Submits original content for publication in NALP's monthly Bulletin;
- Assists in planning the content and logistics for NALP's annual Public Service Mini-Conference
- Assists in producing NALP's Federal Legal Employment Guide and the Comprehensive Fellowship Guide.

## Qualifications

The fellowship candidate will have:

- A JD (or anticipated by June 2017);
- A demonstrated commitment to public service;
- The ability to interact well with legal and other professionals at law schools and public service employer organizations;
- Strong computer/electronic media skills (a basic understanding of HTML, web design, and database management – or a background that would allow for quick learning in these areas - is highly desirable);
- Experience in the public service legal arena;
- Highly developed organizational and writing abilities; and
- Public speaking experience.

S/he should also have demonstrated abilities to:

- Work independently and be self-directed;
- Pay very close attention to detail;
- Handle multiple tasks and deadlines;
- Manage part-time personnel (prior supervisory experience is preferred); and
- Maintain friendly working relationships with colleagues.

Email a cover letter and resume to Christina Jackson at [cjackson@nalp.org](mailto:cjackson@nalp.org). Please write “ATTN: PSJD Fellow Search” in the email's subject line. The cover letter should detail experience in public service work and with web-based technology/social media. Feel free to contact Ms. Jackson by email with any questions about the position. Candidates selected for further consideration will be asked to submit a writing sample and at least three professional references. **The application deadline is March 31, 2017.**