

Seeking Applicants for Legal Intern (Immigration)

Job Type: 2020 Semester-In-Practice Internship/Externship

Schedule: Spring 2020: Starting January 3, 2020 (flexible end date)

Experience: Current law student (2L-3L), or recent grad

Bar membership required: None

Practice Areas: Immigration, Crimmigration, Criminal, Human Rights, Administrative Hearings, Clinical, Litigation, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Human Rights, Asylum, LGBTQ Issues, Detention, Prisoners' Rights, Racial Justice

JOB DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1969, Rising for Justice (formerly DC Law Students in Court) provides free, high-quality legal services while teaching and inspiring the next generation of lawyers to be social justice advocates. Rising for Justice is seeking driven, client-centered law students (2L or 3L) or recent law school graduates with a passion for public interest law and immigrants' rights to be part of our Immigration Defense Program's **2019 Semester-in-Practice Internship**.

Our **Immigrant Defense Program** provides pro bono representation to noncitizens detained by ICE in their immigration bond hearings before the Immigration Court, as well as pro bono crimmigration representation for immigrants interested in seeking post-conviction relief.

NATURE OF THE INTERNSHIP

The intern will gain practical experience including client interviewing and counseling, case investigation, litigation, negotiations, trial skills, legal research, writing and drafting filings for Immigration Court, community engagement and outreach, legislative and public policy advocacy. Depending on availability, legal interns will have the opportunity to provide direct representation to detainees before the Immigration Court under the direction of an experienced supervising attorney. This position is unpaid but may be pursued for academic credit.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Current law student (2L or 3L) or recent grad
- Strong interest in immigration, criminal law, asylum/refugee law, and human rights law
- Excellent legal research and writing skills

- Ability to work with low-income clients with history of trauma and criminal interaction a plus
- Fluency in Spanish strongly preferred
- Experience in immigration and criminal law a plus.

TO APPLY

To apply, please submit the following to the Intern Supervisor at internships@risingforjustice.org:

- Cover letter describing your interest in working with Rising for Justice
- Resume
- Legal writing sample
- 3 references

*Please be sure to include “**Immigration Intern**” in the subject line.*

Applications accepted now and will be considered on a rolling basis.

Rising for Justice is an equal opportunity employer: people of color; women; people with disabilities; gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Job Type: Full-time/Part-time (minimum availability 16 hours per week)