Law Student/Graduate Student Internship Program

The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law is one of the nation’s leading national racial justice legal organizations. Formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy, the Lawyers’ Committee uses legal advocacy to achieve racial justice, fighting inside and outside the courts to ensure that Black people and other people of color have the voice, opportunity, and power to make the promises of our democracy real.

The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights hosts Legal/Graduate Volunteer Interns and Undergraduate/Recent Graduate Volunteer Interns. The Lawyers’ Committee is unable to pay any portion of the applicant’s salary or provide assistance with securing housing during the internship period. However, we are happy to work with students so that they may receive academic credit or outside funding for their work. Students who complete this internship will gain invaluable experience in the field of civil rights and exposure to the exciting work of a non-profit legal organization.

Summer interns are expected to work at least 30 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer.

**Fall and spring interns** with a full course load must work a minimum of 10 to 15 hours a week during the fall and spring semesters, and 20 hours without a full course load. Full-time interns/externs are also accepted. Fall and Spring interns are accepted from schools all over the country, given the possibility of virtual work arrangements.

Legal/Graduate Volunteer Internship Program

**Undergraduate/Recent Graduate Volunteer Internship Program**

The Lawyers’ Committee is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 semesters. The Summer 2023 application opened in September 2022.

The Lawyers’ Committee hosts interns with flexible start dates in the fall, spring and summer terms. Law and graduate students who complete an internship with the Lawyers’ Committee will gain invaluable experience in the field of civil rights and exposure to the exciting work of a non-profit legal organization.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities:**

Law student interns are assigned to work primarily with one of the following projects or initiatives:
• Criminal Justice
• Educational Opportunities
• Economic Justice
• Fair Housing and Community Development
• Hate Prevention
• Public Policy
• Voting Rights
• Graduate student interns are typically assigned to work with the Public Policy Project. Although assignments for each intern vary by project, students are generally asked to draft legal documents, write legal research memoranda, and conduct factual investigations. Legal interns work under the close supervision of experienced civil rights attorneys.

Minimum Requirements and Competencies:

At a minimum, all applicants should possess:
• Strong research and writing abilities, and
• A demonstrated commitment to civil rights and/or social justice

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume, including graduation completion https://podio.com/webforms/17839178/1198910. No calls will be accepted. For questions about our internship program, please email internship@lawyerscommittee.org.

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: The Lawyers’ Committee embraces diversity and inclusion in our workplace. We strongly encourage candidates of color and candidates from underrepresented communities to apply. The Lawyers’ Committee does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family responsibility, personal appearance, genetic information, matriculation, political affiliation, or any other status protected under law.

Accessibility Assistance: Although calls will not be accepted regarding questions about the position, if you are an individual with a disability and need assistance completing the online application, please call 202-662-8600 and ask for an applicant accommodation; send an email with the subject line “ApplicantAccommodation” to accommodation@lawyerscommittee.org.