



Children's Law Center – Spring Externship Program – Law Students (Virtual/In Person)

At the Children's Law Center, we advocate for children and youth, drive systemic reform, and boldly challenge the status quo so that every young person who has experienced trauma or instability has the opportunity to thrive.

Our Spring Externship Program is designed to expose committed and talented public interest law students to all aspects of legal advocacy for abused, neglected and trauma-exposed children. Current second- and third-year law students will have the opportunity to work on projects spanning the Law Center's Caregiver Advocacy, Domestic Violence, Education, Young Adult Legal Assistance, and Youth Empowerment practice groups. Past volunteer, internship, or career-related experience in family law, special education, civil legal services (tenant rights and eviction, identification, government assistance, expungement, and discrimination), or juvenile law matters is useful—but not essential.

We aim for all interns to gain exposure to and experience in all of our practice areas. Interns will be responsible for various legal research, writing, and case assignments, as dictated by the needs of the Children's Law Center's attorneys. Interns will also have opportunities to attend court and observe legal proceedings. Other experiences may include assisting in witness and trial preparation, drafting motions, researching novel legal issues, or meeting with clients. Current third-year law students may also have the ability to participate in court hearings under the Student Practice Act.

Application Materials

Current second- and third-year law students are encouraged to apply. The Children's Law Center welcomes applications from local and out-of-state applicants interested in meaningfully participating in our work through self-driven, remote work and a consistent virtual schedule. Local candidates may have the opportunity to also work on site as COVID-19 operations allow.

Students applying for a spring externship should send a (1) cover letter, (2) current resume, (3) law school transcript, and (4) writing sample (maximum 15 pages). Qualified applicants will then be selected to begin the interview process. Applicants are encouraged to examine the Children's Law Center's website so that they have a full understanding of our mission and needs.

Application Timeline

We are now accepting applications for spring externships. We will review applications on a rolling basis, and interviews will be conducted throughout October and November. Externship offers will be made on a rolling basis until the beginning of January. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

This internship is unpaid. Many interns receive academic credit for externships or seek other funding. Applicants are responsible for informing the Children's Law Center about any applicable deadlines or requirements that are relevant to the applicant's submission or ability to accept an offer.

Contacts—Please send any inquiries and application materials to:

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