



Children's Law Center – Summer Internship 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 Summer Internship 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. Rising 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. Rising third-year law students may also have the ability to participate in court hearings under the Student Practice Act.

In 2020, we modified our on-site internship program based on our COVID-19 operations and local public health orders and hosted students remotely and in person. For Summer 2021, we welcome applications from law students seeking to work locally or remotely. Whether working virtually or on site, successful applicants will be interested in meaningfully contributing to our work, self-driven, and able to maintain a consistent schedule.

Application Materials

Current first- and second-year law students are encouraged to apply. Students applying for a summer internship should send a (1) cover letter, (2) current resume, (3) law school transcript, and (4) writing sample (maximum 15 pages). For first-year law students, we request that a law school transcript be sent once your grades are available—but please do not delay submitting your other application materials. 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

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Most offers will be made between November 2020 – February 2021.

We know that many applicants may apply for grants, scholarships, or other outside funding to participate in unpaid internships. 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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