Legal Internship

Every day, millions of people are trapped in jails around the world because they cannot afford a defense lawyer. The ILF is a non-profit organization founded to address this global crisis in access to justice. For nearly two decades, the ILF has fought to guarantee high-quality legal representation for everyone arrested or detained. Around the world, we provide quality criminal defense services and build sustainable, effective legal aid institutions. Currently, we provide direct legal services in Afghanistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Palestine and Tunisia and offer technical assistance worldwide.

About the Internship

The ILF is seeking multiple interns/externs for the both the spring and summer 2020 (exact start and end dates are flexible) to work in our New York office. If interns are able to secure funding through their schools, there is also the opportunity to travel to one of our international offices. This internship is unpaid, though we are absolutely willing to work with students to fulfill requirements for receiving intern/extern credit.

Intern/extern tasks may include (but are not limited to):

- Researching law in countries emerging from conflict or in transition.
- Writing memos on relevant legal issues.
- Assisting in the preparation and publication of policy papers, reports, and articles.
- Helping implement and improve data collection methods in our country offices; assessing and synthesizing critical data from our country programs.
- Assisting in the writing of grant applications and reports, as well as internal reports, brochures, and other written material.
- Assisting in the preparation of presentations on legal issues.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in law school
- Commitment to issues of social justice, interest in indigent defense
- Exceptional research and writing skills
- Outstanding organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and to multi-task effectively
- Flexibility and enthusiasm for working in a fast paced environment.
- Past experience working in the international development, indigent defense, and/or NGO sector a plus.
- Cultural sensitivity and cross cultural communication skills

Application Process

Interested applicants should send a thoughtful cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to internships@theilf.org. Priority deadline for applications is February 28, 2020.

The International Legal Foundation is proud to be an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring, and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, orientations, experiences and communities to apply.