

# UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program Summer 2021 Job Search Guide

Organizations	Description	Contact	Website
Abolitionist Law Center	The Abolitionist Law Center offers legal internships year-round to law students who want to work with us in defending the human rights of prisoners in Pennsylvania. Our casework includes litigation challenging solitary confinement and prison censorship, exposure to toxic coal waste at SCI Fayette, juvenile life without parole, and other projects we are involved in or developing.	Interested applicants should email a resume, cover letter, legal writing sample (no more than 5 pages), and two references to <a href="mailto:info@abolitionistlawcenter.org">info@abolitionistlawcenter.org</a> .	<a href="http://abolitionistlawcenter.org/">http://abolitionistlawcenter.org/</a>
ACLU National Prison Project (Washington, D.C.)	This is one of the premier prisoners' rights litigation shops in the country. They are involved in prisoner litigation nationwide. They have summer, fall, and spring full-time externship opportunities.	Send CV, writing sample, and references to Eric Balaban at <a href="mailto:ebalaban@aclu.org">ebalaban@aclu.org</a> . If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, please contact Rekha Arulanantham, Ryan Kendall, or Curtis Harris.	<a href="https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/aclu-national-prison-project">https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/aclu-national-prison-project</a>
ACLU Disability Rights Program (San Francisco, CA)			<a href="https://www.aclu.org/issues/disability-rights">https://www.aclu.org/issues/disability-rights</a>

<p>ACLU of Alaska (Anchorage, AK)</p>	<p>As integral members of the ACLU of Alaska’s legal team, our clerks gain practical experience through defending and expanding Alaskans’ civil liberties and constitutional rights. Law clerks may work on current litigation, legislative advocacy, policy research, and public education. While the ACLU of Alaska is a multi-issue organization, improving prison conditions and advocating on behalf of prisoners are significant components of our work. We are currently focused on: ensuring that inmates receive the medical and mental healthcare they need; protecting inmates’ right to religious freedom, including the possession of religious items; ending the practice of solitary confinement of juveniles; and enabling Alaska Native people to return to their native villages after incarceration.</p> <p>The ideal candidate: has completed coursework in constitutional law and legal writing; possesses excellent research skills, can write clearly and concisely, and has the ability to analyze complex legal issues; and is committed to civil liberties, social justice, and serving the public interest.</p>	<p>To apply, please email a resume, cover letter, unofficial transcript, three references, and a writing sample to <a href="mailto:jobs@acluak.org">jobs@acluak.org</a> with the headline “Summer Law Clerk.”</p> <p>The ACLU of Alaska will review applications as they come in and will accept them until it fills the position. The ideal candidate would work for 10 weeks between June and September.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.acluak.org/">https://www.acluak.org/</a></p>
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<p>American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (Hartford, CT)</p>	<p>The ACLU-CT has made ending mass incarceration an organizational priority and is engaged in continual policy, litigation, and public education work related to this goal. We have been engaged in litigation against Connecticut's 14-facility, unified state prison system on multiple fronts, including, most recently, to reduce the use of solitary confinement (particularly of those with mental health challenges); to address COVID-19 and prison conditions; and to advocate on behalf of people who are incarcerated and LGBTQ. We also work to coordinate and streamline efforts with other prisoners' rights litigators throughout the state in order to maximize our advocacy—a project which a summer intern would spearhead.</p>	<p>Interested applicants should contact Elana Bildner (<a href="mailto:ebildner@acluct.org">ebildner@acluct.org</a>). If students want to focus their internship on prisoners' rights work, they should mention it in their cover letter.</p> <p>For summer 2021, we are willing to accept remote candidates.</p>	<p><a href="http://acluct.org">acluct.org</a></p>
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<p>ACLU of Idaho (Boise, ID)</p>	<p>The American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho (ACLU-ID) seeks applicants for its Summer Internship/Externship program. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to be an integral part of the Idaho affiliate of the ACLU, the nation's premier guardian of liberty, from May through August. Successful candidates will be based in the ACLU-ID office in Boise, Idaho, and supervised by the Legal Director of the ACLU-ID. In/Externs' chief responsibilities will be assisting with pending and upcoming litigation, reviewing and responding appropriately to civil liberties complaints from people throughout Idaho, conducting legal research and writing on legal and legislative matters, and investigating complaints by contacting witnesses and prospective clients. In/externs may also have opportunities to accompany ACLU-ID legal staff to court appearances, depositions, client and witness interviews, settlement negotiations, and consent decree monitoring visits. The ACLU-ID maintains a busy litigation practice in both federal and state courts as well as in administrative and local matters, exclusively in impact cases raising constitutional and civil liberties issues of major legal and societal significance. This in/externship is unpaid, although the ACLU-ID will cooperate with successful candidates to obtain academic credit for internship or externship work if it is available from an in/extern's law school. The in/externship is full-time, but start and end dates, as well as weekly schedules, are flexible and we will discuss those with applicants selected for interviews.</p>	<p>Please send a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, and contact information for two law-related references to Richard Eppink, Legal Director, ACLU of Idaho, P.O. Box 1897, Boise, Idaho 83701, or <a href="mailto:reppink@acluidaho.org">reppink@acluidaho.org</a>.</p> <p>Because the selection process for this in/externship has become highly competitive, we encourage thoughtful applications. We will review applications in two installments—in December and again in February—until we fill two or three seats. Outstanding early applications, however, could garner an earlier invitation. Cover letters should plainly demonstrate the applicant's commitment to public interest law, explain any litigation or law office experience, and note how the applicant learned of this in/externship opportunity.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.acluidaho.org/">http://www.acluidaho.org/</a></p>
<p>ACLU of Maryland (Baltimore, MD)</p>			<p><a href="http://aclu-md.org/">http://aclu-md.org/</a></p>

<p>ACLU of New Jersey (Newark, NJ)</p>	<p>The ACLU-NJ is committed to ending mass incarceration, challenging inhumane prison conditions, and addressing the state’s worst-in-the-country racial disparities in adult and juvenile incarceration. The ACLU-NJ engages in policy reform, litigation, and public education work related to these goals. In state and federal court actions, we have challenged solitary confinement, discrimination against LGBTQ prisoners, inadequate provision of special education services, inadequate medical care and other inhumane conditions, the misuse of prison disciplinary sanctions, and the mishandling of COVID-19 in state and federal prisons in New Jersey. Through integrated advocacy, we have also worked to achieve legislative and policy wins, including effectively eliminating money bail, enacting the most progressive solitary confinement law in the country, and equipping the corrections ombudsperson office with robust oversight powers. We are proud to work in coalition with community partners and people with lived experience and take care that our work is grounded in their expertise.</p>	<p>Interested applicants should complete the online application:  <a href="https://www.aclu-nj.org/act/internships/applicationform/">https://www.aclu-nj.org/act/internships/applicationform/</a></p> <p>If students have particular interest in prisoners’ rights work, they should mention it in their cover letter.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.aclu-nj.org/">https://www.aclu-nj.org/</a></p>
<p>ACLU of Southern California – (Los Angeles and Orange, CA)</p>	<p>We continually have opportunities for summer and term-time legal and non-legal interns to support our jail monitoring, litigation, policy advocacy, and community engagement/education work. Our Criminal Justice Project monitors conditions in the LA and Orange County jails and advocates to improve them, while our LGBTQ, Gender &amp; Reproductive Justice Project’s priorities include intersectional work on behalf of incarcerated LGBTQ, pregnant and lactating people, and those experiencing sexual abuse in custody, throughout Southern California.</p>	<p>Full internship program details and application instructions are available here:  <a href="https://www.aclusocal.org/en/jobs/legaladvocacy-internships-externships-volunteer-opportunities">https://www.aclusocal.org/en/jobs/legaladvocacy-internships-externships-volunteer-opportunities</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.aclusocal.org/">https://www.aclusocal.org/</a></p>
<p>ACLU of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)</p>			<p><a href="http://www.acluutah.org/">http://www.acluutah.org/</a></p>

<p>Advancement Project National Office</p>	<p>Advancement Project National Office is a next generation, multi-racial civil rights organization. Our work is focused in four major areas: ending the school to prison pipeline, voting rights, immigrant justice, and mass incarceration and policing. Legal interns will work closely with our staff of attorneys, organizers and communications strategists to support our grassroots-led campaign partners in cities across the United States. All of our work is done through a racial justice lens and seeks to dismantle oppressive systems impacting the lives of black, brown and poor people. These positions operate under the direct supervision of our intern coordinators.</p> <p>The internship program was remote during the summer of 2020 and Advancement Project staff continue to work remotely at the current time.</p>	<p>Student can apply using this link:  <a href="https://advancementproject.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=37">https://advancementproject.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=37</a>.</p> <p>We do not yet know whether the summer of 2021 will be remote or in-person. We will ensure that candidates selected for our internship program are made aware of the decision to be in-person or remain remote by March 1, 2021. We will also take in consideration requests for remote work ahead of our ultimate decision.</p>	<p><a href="https://advancementproject.org">advancementproject.org</a></p>
<p>Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (Tuscaloosa, AL)</p>	<p>Serving as Alabama’s Protection &amp; Advocacy agency, ADAP advocates and provides legal assistance to Alabamians with disabilities in various settings, including prisons, jails, psychiatric hospitals, and juvenile detention centers. Law clerks can expect to assist in research, preparation for litigation, conducting client visits, and directly working with clients to provide advocacy or connect them to resources.</p>	<p>Please email a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to <a href="mailto:adap@adap.ua.edu">adap@adap.ua.edu</a> with the subject line “Legal Clerkship Application”.</p>	<p><a href="https://adap.ua.edu">adap.ua.edu</a></p>

<p>The Arc's National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability (NCCJD) (Washington, DC)</p>	<p>NCCJD is the first national effort of its kind to bring together both victim and suspect/offender issues involving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (or I/DD) under one roof, serving as a national clearinghouse for information and training on these issues. We pursue criminal justice reform from a systems-wide perspective, from first contact with law enforcement, through trial, incarceration, and reentry into the community. Among the issues we prioritize is that of policing and law enforcement relations with persons with disabilities. In partnership with The Arc's legal advocacy team, NCCJD is looking to expand its advocacy in the area of prisoners' rights through impact litigation. NCCJD hires part-time interns throughout the year.</p>	<p>All interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, three references, a legal writing sample, and unofficial transcript to Ariel Simms at <a href="mailto:simms@thearc.org">simms@thearc.org</a>. We are open to students working remotely.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD">http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD</a></p>
<p>Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law (Washington, DC)</p>			<p><a href="http://www.bazelon.org/">http://www.bazelon.org/</a></p>
<p>Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law – Civil Rights Clinic (New York, NY)</p>	<p>We are a live client litigation clinic that focuses on the intersection between civil rights and criminal justice, which means that we primarily take on prisoners' rights and some police misconduct cases. Our current docket includes Eighth Amendment cases on behalf of a transgender prisoner and a prisoner denied medical treatment, a due process/prison guard brutality case on behalf of a pretrial detainee, and a police misconduct case under the Americans with Disabilities Act as well, as the 4th and 14th Amendments, involving the horrific treatment of a paraplegic arrestee. Work would be dependent on what's happening in our litigation, but would all be litigation-related tasks.</p>	<p>Interested students should contact Betsy Ginsberg, the Director of the Clinic, at <a href="mailto:betsy.ginsberg@yu.edu">betsy.ginsberg@yu.edu</a>.</p> <p>We are open to students working remotely.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/civilrightsclinic">http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/civilrightsclinic</a></p>

The Bronx Defenders (Bronx, NY)	Bronx Defenders does prisoners' rights work through their Civil Action Practice. Indicate your interest in your materials.	If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, please contact Gina Papera-Ewing.	<a href="http://www.bronxdefenders.org/">http://www.bronxdefenders.org/</a>
California Appellate Project – Unrepresented Condemned Inmate Project (San Francisco, CA)	CAP is a resource center providing training and assistance to appointed counsel who represent capitally convicted prisoners on California's death row. CAP also works directly with unrepresented condemned prisoners. We ask our summer student interns to perform a variety of tasks related to prison law, including intensive research into institutional failure issues (e.g., solitary confinement, gangs, sexual minorities in prison, age-related issues, overcrowding, institutionalized violence, isolation from family) that will be used in legal pleadings filed on behalf our clients, legal and factual research regarding prison conditions which is then published as a resource on the CAP website for the use of legal teams litigating death penalty cases, and occasionally advocating on behalf of a client (filing a grievance, writing letters to the prison, ombudsman, etc.). The passage of Proposition 66 means there is a tremendous amount of work at CAP and many opportunities for students to make a meaningful contribution. The internship includes a week of training, with additional training opportunities throughout the summer. We ask students to commit for 10 weeks of fulltime work, although CAP has some flexibility on this front. The unrepresented project works with 5 or 6 students each summer and CAP as a whole works with anywhere from 12-16 students.	To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Joyce Alexander, Human Resources Manager, at <a href="mailto:internships@capsf.org">internships@capsf.org</a> .  We anticipate that the internships will be remote unless or until a COVID-19 vaccine is widespread by the summer. However, regardless, remote working is an option for interested candidates who cannot afford to move to the Bay Area for the summer.	<a href="http://www.capsf.org">www.capsf.org</a>
California Prison Focus (Oakland, CA)			<a href="http://newest.prisons.org/">http://newest.prisons.org/</a>



Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, NY)	The UCIP works with 5 or 6 students each summer.	Contact Professor Sunita Patel, who spent some time here before coming to UCLA.	<a href="http://ccrjustice.org/">http://ccrjustice.org/</a>
Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) (Washington, D.C.)	Citizens United for Rehabilitation Errants is a grassroots organization in D.C. working to reduce reliance on incarceration and to make prison conditions more humane. CURE covers a broad range of issues and has traditionally focused law student interns on legal research in support of national or state-based projects. When students are interested in larger policy questions, they may be able to do policy advocacy on the Hill, both independently and in conjunction with senior staff. CURE also holds consultative status with the United Nations and takes students to federal criminal justice policy meetings with the Justice Roundtable, a coalition that meets in Washington, D.C. at Open Society Foundations' Washington, D.C. office.	Contact <a href="mailto:cure@curenational.org">cure@curenational.org</a>	<a href="http://www.curenational.org">www.curenational.org</a>
Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (Denver, CO & Berkeley, CA)		<a href="https://creeclaw.org/externships/">https://creeclaw.org/externships/</a> Email a resume to CREEC's Director of the Immigration Accountability Detention Project, Elizabeth Jordan ( <a href="mailto:ejordan@creeclaw.org">ejordan@creeclaw.org</a> ), if you are interested in applying to be an IDAP extern. Email mail a resume to CREEC's Director of the Accessibility Project, Martie Lafferty ( <a href="mailto:mlafferty@creeclaw.org">mlafferty@creeclaw.org</a> ), if you are interested in applying to be an extern for the Accessibility Project.	<a href="https://creeclaw.org/">https://creeclaw.org/</a>

Columbia Legal Services – Institutionalized Person’s Project (Seattle, WA)	Columbia Legal Services is a non-profit unrestricted civil legal aid provider that represents low income people in Washington State. CLS primarily engages in systemic advocacy. It has five offices throughout Washington and five project groups: Basic Human Needs, the Children and Youth Project, the Economic Justice Project, the Working Families Project, and the Institutions Project. The Institutions Project represents people confined in Washington's jails, prisons, juvenile detention facilities, mental health facilities, and facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Our representation focuses on institutional conditions of confinement, discrimination, sentencing and placement, alternatives to institutionalization, and access to courts, as well as issues related to rehabilitation, reentry, and reductions in recidivism.	Professor Colgan spent several years here. Interested students should reach out to her.	<a href="http://www.columbialegal.org">www.columbialegal.org</a>
Disability Rights California (Multiple Locations, CA)			<a href="http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/">http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/</a>
Disability Rights Legal Center (Los Angeles, CA)			<a href="https://disabilityrightslawcenter.org/">https://disabilityrightslawcenter.org/</a>

<p>Disability Rights New York (Multiple Locations, NY)</p>	<p>Disability Rights New York invites applications from law students who have a commitment to and interest in disability rights advocacy, prisoners' rights advocacy, civil rights, and social justice. DRNY is the Protection &amp; Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program (P&amp;A/CAP) for persons with disabilities in New York. As the P&amp;A, DRNY advocates for the civil and legal rights for New Yorkers with disabilities, including individuals who are incarcerated in New York City jails, county jails, and state prisons. Legal interns will be expected to provide advocacy services for individuals; assist DRNY staff attorneys with legal research; support DRNY staff attorneys with monitoring at facilities; and assist investigations of allegations of abuse or neglect. Interns are expected to have excellent research and communication/writing skills and an interest in serving underserved populations. The internship is unpaid. DRNY has offices in Brooklyn, Albany, and Rochester.</p>	<p>Interested applicants should submit a cover letter discussing their interest, a resume, and a writing sample (10 pages), and include "20_ Legal Internship" in the email subject line. For more information and to submit an application, contact <a href="mailto:jobs@DRNY.org">jobs@DRNY.org</a>.</p> <p>DRNY is accepting applications for Spring semester and Summer internships.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.drny.org">http://www.drny.org</a></p>
<p>Disability Rights Oregon (Portland, OR)</p>			<p><a href="https://droregon.org/">https://droregon.org/</a></p>
<p>Disability Rights Washington (Seattle, WA)</p>	<p>Disability Rights Washington's Amplifying Voices of Inmates with Disabilities (AVID) Program seeks 3-4 law students to intern over the summer and continue through the school year. Because of Disability Rights Washington's access authority, interns are able to monitor conditions of the most restricted areas of prisons and jails in Washington. Interns help inmates build-self advocacy skills by responding to letters and phone calls from jails and prisons. Depending on need, interns may also review inmate medical records, perform legal research, and help with litigation.</p>	<p>Interns are generally hired in early February of each year. Send a cover letter, resume, three references, and a writing sample to Heather McKimmie (<a href="mailto:heatherm@dr-wa.org">heatherm@dr-wa.org</a>) by January 15.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.disabilityrightswa.org/">http://www.disabilityrightswa.org/</a></p>

<p>Equal Justice Initiative (Montgomery, AL)</p>	<p>Founded and directed by Bryan Stevenson (author of Just Mercy). Does a mix of representing defendants in capital cases and prison litigation across the south, with a focus on Alabama.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.eji.org/">http://www.eji.org/</a></p>
<p>FAMM (Washington, D.C.)</p>	<p>FAMM (formerly Families Against Mandatory Minimums) works nationwide to advocate for sentencing reform, improved prison conditions, and second chances. FAMM helps to run the COVID Compassionate Release Clearinghouse, which has placed more than 1,700 cases with federal defenders and volunteer attorneys across the country. Interns will have the opportunity to perform valuable research for the Clearinghouse as well to participate in policy development and advocacy.</p>	<p>Please email a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references to <a href="mailto:jandonian@famm.org">jandonian@famm.org</a>.</p> <p>Remote work is welcomed.</p>	<p><a href="https://famm.org/">https://famm.org/</a></p>

Florida Justice Institute (Miami, FL)

The Florida Justice Institute (FJI), a nonprofit, public interest litigation firm, is seeking law student interns to work during the summer of 2021. Founded in 1978, FJI conducts civil rights litigation primarily on behalf of those incarcerated in Florida's prisons and jails. These types of cases include wrongful death, deliberate indifference to serious medical need, unconstitutional conditions of confinement, excessive force, failure to protect, First Amendment (including free speech, censorship, and religious freedom), disability discrimination, and others. FJI also conducts litigation for non-incarcerated victims of housing discrimination, disability discrimination, police misconduct, and engages in various other forms of impact litigation for the poor and disenfranchised. We work collaboratively with other public interest organizations and private, pro bono lawyers around the country. Since the bulk of FJI's work is in federal court, there is a considerable amount of written legal pleading and practice work. Law students will be exposed to all phases of federal civil litigation practice. Students will receive direct supervision, assignments, direction and feedback from FJI's five attorneys. The attorney supervisors take great care to see that each student receives challenging assignments, constant supervision, and regular feedback. FJI handles cases statewide, so there may be some travel involved.

To apply, email a resume and cover letter as one PDF to Jessica Pla, [jpla@floridajusticeinstitute.org](mailto:jpla@floridajusticeinstitute.org), and specify which term (i.e., summer 2021, spring 2022) you're applying for.

<http://www.floridajusticeinstitute.org/>

<p>Florida Legal Services, Inc. – Florida Institutional Legal Services Project (Newberry, FL)</p>	<p>The Institutional Legal Services Project of Florida Legal Services focuses on systemic reform litigation, community lawyering, and policy advocacy to protect the rights of adults and youth who are incarcerated in prisons, jails, juvenile justice facilities, civil commitment, and immigration detention throughout Florida. Our work also includes supporting community driven solutions to end mass incarceration in Florida and the reliance on the criminal justice system to solve social problems. Interns would work in our Newberry Office which is just outside of Gainesville (near the University of Florida) or Orlando.</p> <p>Research and work may include: addressing unconstitutional conditions in Florida’s prisons, jails and juvenile detention facilities concerning, for example, issues of solitary confinement, racial disparities, medical and mental healthcare, the rights of LGBTQ persons, disability rights, and sexual abuse. The focus of work may change based on changes in the law, the circumstances in Florida, or the needs of the organization and our partners.</p>	<p>To apply, please email a resume, cover letter that explains your interest or experience in this area and public interest work, and a writing sample to <a href="mailto:work@floridalegal.org">work@floridalegal.org</a> with the headline “Summer Law Clerk.”</p> <p>There is also an option to do remote work which does not require regular presence in either of the offices.</p>	<p><a href="http://floridalegal.org">floridalegal.org</a></p>
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The Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law (Los Angeles, CA)

The Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law is seeking a full-time law student intern for 10 weeks this summer to provide investigative, research, writing, analysis and administrative support for its Women’s Gender-Responsive Jail Project. The Women’s Gender-Responsive Jail Project, formerly the Mira Loma Women’s Jail Project, was launched in 2018 to investigate, monitor, and make recommendations related to Los Angeles County’s plan to relocate the women’s jail from Century Regional Detention Center (“CRDF”) in Southern LA County to Mira Loma Detention Center (“Mira Loma”) in a remote region of Northern LA County. The Project has broadened to include advocating for gender-responsive changes for incarcerated women, increased use of diversion, and robust re-entry services. The Project’s long-term goal is to ensure the LA County women’s jail system is designed to be responsive to the unique needs and characteristics of incarcerated women and LGBTQ persons, incorporating methods which are trauma-informed and promote family reunification with the goal of reducing recidivism among women. The intern will work under the supervision of the Executive Director and act as the Center’s representative for its policy positions. The work will include attending and maintaining a Center presence at standing monthly meetings with public agencies and private community organizations. The intern will also monitor developments in Los Angeles County’s jail replacement plan, specifically as it pertains to women. He or she will advocate for the Center’s policy priorities with public and private stakeholders as jail replacement plan developments occur. Additionally, the intern may have opportunities for other legal advocacy and education projects and case work with clients.

To apply contact Taryn May, Volunteer Coordinator, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, [volunteer@hbcfl.org](mailto:volunteer@hbcfl.org). Please provide a current resume, cover letter, two references, and a relevant writing sample. School credit or fellowships will be considered.

To be considered for this position the applicant must exhibit prior paid, volunteer, or academic work/research experience in one or more of the following areas: Impacts of incarceration on women or families; Policy advocacy; Systemic reform. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate strong interpersonal and communication skills, an ability to relate to a wide range of individuals, and versatility in problem-solving methods and investigative techniques. Experience working with local government, law enforcement, or community organizing is a plus. The intern must be available for training in April prior to the start date.

<https://www.hbcfl.org/>

<p>Harvard Prison Legal Assistance Project (Cambridge, MA)</p>	<p>Harvard PLAP is a student practice organization at Harvard Law School, where law students represent state prisoners at prison disciplinary hearings, parole rescission and revocation hearings, life-sentence parole hearings, and commutation and medical parole (compassionate release) petitions. Summer interns at PLAP engage in direct representation of prisoners in matters that are still pending after the spring semester, as well as new cases that they choose. Given the time constraints of a summer internship, the caseload for a PLAP summer intern is mostly comprised of disciplinary hearings. The intern will, with attorney supervision, handle all aspects of these hearings, including the client interview, discovery request, the hearing itself (a trial-type administrative hearing that includes examination of witnesses and closing argument), and a written appeal. PLAP interns also answer prisoner calls and letters, seeking representation or legal research assistance.</p>	<p>For more information, please contact Shanell Lavery, Program Manager, at (617) 495-3969 or <a href="mailto:sblavery@law.harvard.edu">sblavery@law.harvard.edu</a>.</p>	<p><a href="https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/">https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/</a></p>
<p>Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of the Deaf (HEARD) (Washington, DC)</p>			<p><a href="http://www.behearddc.org/">http://www.behearddc.org/</a></p>
<p>Human Rights Defense Center (Lake Worth, Florida)</p>	<p>HRDC's legal team, including our attorneys and paralegals, litigate cases nationally against prison and jail officials, including First Amendment censorship violations, public records cases, wrongful deaths and other civil rights matters. Cooperating with some of the largest law firms in the country as well as skilled sole practitioners, HRDC remains at the forefront of litigation involving prisoners' rights. Additionally, all of HRDC's cases have a public education and media component that furthers our advocacy efforts with respect to criminal justice reform.</p>	<p>Contact Sabarish Neelakanta, Litigation Director: <a href="mailto:sneelakanta@hrdc-law.org">sneelakanta@hrdc-law.org</a>.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/">https://www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/</a></p>



<p>Lambda Legal (Multiple Locations)</p>	<p>Primarily, summer interns assist attorneys with investigation, research and drafting in ongoing cases, prospective cases, and amicus curiae briefs, in all areas of sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV discrimination. Interns may also research, draft, and/or edit publications on these issues for public education, and will assist in maintenance and expansion of resources for our national legal Help Desk.</p> <p>Because of the focused and challenging nature of the work Lambda Legal does, we prefer to hire law students who have some experience with issues relating to our mission. Thus, a background in or familiarity with issues important to lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV will greatly strengthen an application. Commitment to public interest law also greatly strengthens an application. Considering the amount of independent work required, second- and third-year students are preferred. Lambda Legal encourages applications from people of color and people with disabilities, including HIV.</p>	<p>Send cover letter, resume, and short writing sample to <a href="mailto:legalintern@lambdalegal.org">legalintern@lambdalegal.org</a>.</p> <p>Please indicate in your cover letter your particular interest in prisoners' rights/criminal justice issues. Students interested in summer internships should apply beginning in the fall. Applicants should send materials to the particular offices where an internship is desired. Applicants should also be sure to include in their cover letter whether they are applying to more than one of Lambda Legal's offices. No phone calls, please.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lambdalegal.org/">http://www.lambdalegal.org/</a></p>
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The Legal Aid Society – Prisoners’ Rights Project (New York, NY)

The Prisoners’ Rights Project has for over forty years served as a leading advocate of humane and constitutional conditions in the New York City jails and State prisons. The Project conducts federal civil rights litigation on behalf of persons confined in the New York City jails and State prisons. Recent litigation activity has addressed correction officer brutality in the City’s Rikers Island jails; sexual abuse of women in State facilities; disability rights in prison; and the denial of education services to City and State prisoners. In addition to this work, Project staff engage in other advocacy work on behalf of incarcerated clients, including administrative intervention and legislative testimony. Our interns assist attorneys in collecting and organizing factual material gathered in connection with litigation or with pre-complaint investigations and in monitoring compliance with existing court orders. They also maintain a “case load” of matters in which they assist individual clients in the City jails and State prisons with specific institutional problems, e.g. medical care, guard brutality, and safety issues. Over the past several years, as conditions in New York’s jails and prisons have become more restrictive and punitive, requests for Project assistance have increased markedly. Without legal intern assistance, the Project would not be able to respond to all requests for assistance, or to advocate as fully or vigorously on our clients’ behalf. Close attorney supervision is provided.

<http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/diversityandcareers.aspx>

The LAW Project	<p>The LAW Project is focused on holistic juvenile defense and re-entry assistance. We have assisted many people with expungements, record sealing, certificates of rehabilitation, and licensure issues, and we hold clinics in partnership with community organizations in these areas. Additionally, we provide individual representation to kids accused of crimes throughout the county, and we work holistically - which primarily translates to delinquency defense and education law, but also frequently includes regional center advocacy (for folks with developmental disabilities) and more. Stephanie and Sarah also recently began representing youth who have been sent to CDCR's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ - basically, prison for kids) for the most serious crimes, from disposition to release through termination of jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Contact Sarah Ellenberg or Stephanie Sauter.</p> <p>Sarah Ellenberg: T. 213-444-0105; E. <a href="mailto:sarah@lawprojectla.org">sarah@lawprojectla.org</a></p> <p>Stephanie Sauter: T. 323-254-2504; E. <a href="mailto:ssauter@lawprojectla.org">ssauter@lawprojectla.org</a></p> <p>The LAW Project is looking for someone who is highly motivated and open-minded, loves people, and is attentive to detail. Spanish-speaking is a plus.</p>	-
Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (San Francisco, CA)	<p>LSPC seeks interns to assist with its community organizing, law and policy, and administrative support work. Interns may be assigned to one or more substantive, long term projects, depending on current organizational needs and the applicant's skills, experience, and interests. Interns also help respond to prisoner requests for legal and other informational materials, through which our interns are able to gain experience researching case law, communicating with clients, and conducting real-life problem solving, as well as gain familiarity with California criminal, family, and civil rights law. During summer sessions, our interns are expected to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. Our internships are unpaid, but we may be able to provide limited stipends to directly-impacted interns on a case-by-case basis. All internships take place at our San Francisco office.</p>	<p>If you are interested in applying, please email a resume, cover letter, and a short (5 pages or fewer) writing sample to Tina Nunn at <a href="mailto:tina@prisonerswithchildren.org">tina@prisonerswithchildren.org</a>.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/">http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/</a></p>

<p>Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General (Los Angeles, CA)</p>	<p>During the summer, our seven legal interns assist with all aspects of our work, and will have considerable client contact, under substantial supervision from attorney staff.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.oig.lacity.org/">http://www.oig.lacity.org/</a></p>
<p>Muslim Advocates (Washington, DC)</p>	<p>Muslim Advocates is a leading national legal advocacy and educational nonprofit organization that has been fighting to promote freedom, justice, and equality for Americans of all faiths since 2005. In addition to conducting legal advocacy, policy engagement, and civic education, MA utilizes targeted litigation in order to protect and defend the rights of American Muslims. Our work includes projects aimed at ensuring religious liberty, challenging discriminatory government policies and practices, holding hate actors accountable, combating unlawful profiling and surveillance, and guaranteeing government transparency. In addition, Muslim Advocates continues to serve as a legal resource aimed at educating American Muslims about the law and their rights as well as promoting their full and meaningful participation in American public life.</p> <p>MA is seeking applications from law students for Spring and Summer internships in our Washington, DC office. MA interns will participate in a wide range of activities and will join an organization working on the frontlines of some of the nation's most pressing civil rights issues. Interns will be expected to work at least ten hours per week for a period of ten weeks.</p>		<p><a href="https://muslimadvocates.org/">https://muslimadvocates.org/</a></p>

National Center for Lesbian Rights (San Francisco, CA & Washington, DC)	NCLR is seeking a law clerk to assist with all aspects of its work for LGBT people in prison, including impact litigation, public policy, and educational work. The clerk will conduct case research, review social science and other research, update publications, and draft memos on a wide range of issues affecting LGBT people in prison. Some of the clerk's time will be devoted to interacting with LGBT people in prison who contact NCLR and handling their questions from start to finish under the supervision and training of NCLR staff attorneys. This position is in NCLR's National Office in San Francisco, CA. Summer clerks work full time, and semester clerks may work full or part-time (minimum 12 hours per week). This is a paid position. Clerks may also apply for outside funding or academic credit through their school.	To apply please send your resume and a cover letter by email with "Law Clerk Application" along with the semester you are interested in applying for (e.g., "Fall 2021") in the subject line to Info@NCLRights.org. Please do not send applications by mail or fax.	<a href="http://www.nclrights.org/">http://www.nclrights.org/</a>
National Lawyers Guild Prisoner Advocacy Network (San Francisco, CA)		Current law students who have financial need, and who are committed to practicing social justice and progressive civil rights law may apply for the C. Edwin Baker Clerkship at NCLR. <a href="https://www.nclrights.org/about-us/jobs-opportunities/c-edwin-baker-clerkship/">https://www.nclrights.org/about-us/jobs-opportunities/c-edwin-baker-clerkship/</a>	<a href="http://www.nlgsf.org/prisoner-advocacy-network">http://www.nlgsf.org/prisoner-advocacy-network</a>

Nevada Cure (Las Vegas, NV)

Seeking students to answer prisoner mail encompassing a large number of issues; to log and post prisoner complaints on the website; and to help write grants and newsletters. Please note that, although the director of the office was a longtime jailhouse lawyer with extensive legal experience since his release, you will not have an attorney supervisor, and consequently this position's eligibility for the Public Service Fellowship Program is as yet unclear. According to the director of Nevada CURE: Answering prisoner letters and logging complaints would give students knowledge of what goes on inside the prison system and the problems that need to be addressed. The vast majority of letters we receive are related to legal matters, i.e., lack of medical treatment for Hep C, HIV, diabetics, ADA claims, beatings, destruction of property, failure to protect, etc. Those are the complaints we log. We are not lawyers, but we advise on appropriate steps to take in the grievance and judicial process and make referrals to various attorneys. We have approximately a dozen people that have survived summary judgment and need an attorney to represent them at trial. We meet with the Prison Director quarterly to discuss issues and we meet with and testify before the NV Legislature on legislation as needed. Additionally, we publish a Newsletter quarterly (and hope to do bi-monthly or monthly). We publish information on various cases related to the prison and parole system. We could use assistance with legal research and with finding information related to prisoner issues which could be used by prisoners to help themselves and others.

[www.nevadacure.org](http://www.nevadacure.org)

<p>New York City Board of Correction (New York, NY)</p>	<p>The New York City Board of Correction (BOC) is a nine-person oversight board that regulates, monitors, and inspects the correctional facilities of the City. The Board, through its members and staff, carries out independent oversight and enacts regulations to support safer, fairer, smaller, and more humane NYC jails. In addition to our monitoring, research, and executive teams, we have a small legal department that advises the Board and the Executive Director on legal issues and engages in rulemaking to ensure humane conditions in the jails. We welcome applications from 1Ls or 2Ls interested in jail/prison reform to assist the legal team with a variety of legal tasks, including research and writing.</p>		<p><a href="http://www1.nyc.gov/site/boc/index.page">http://www1.nyc.gov/site/boc/index.page</a></p>
<p>New York Civil Liberties Union (New York, NY)</p>	<p>Lead counsel on Peoples v. Fischer, the class action challenging the excessive use of solitary confinement in NY state prisons. Also does a lot of work on stop and frisk.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.nyclu.org">http://www.nyclu.org</a></p>

<p>North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services (Raleigh, NC)</p>	<p>Our organization is primarily focused on criminal post-conviction work. We review the convictions of any state inmate who requests a review. We litigate any legal issue which has a reasonable chance of lowering an inmate's sentence or overturning their conviction. In addition to our criminal work, we handle civil issues related to conditions of confinement within NC prisons and county jail facilities, including failure to protect cases, excessive force by guards, sexual assault by guards, and unsafe or inhumane conditions. Interns will work with attorneys on a broad range of assignments and topics. Interns will work on research projects, review trial transcripts and discovery, draft pleadings, conduct client interviews and investigations, perform independent case reviews, and attend meetings and hearings as they arise. Our interns are intimately involved in the day-to-day work of NCPLS. This is a boots-on-the-ground summer experience reviewing and litigating cases alongside staff attorneys. Employ 3-6 summer interns starting in mid-May and ending in early August.</p>	<p>Qualifications include strong research and writing skills and a desire to work on behalf of indigent inmates. Interested students should send a cover letter and resume to Ben Finholt (bfinholt@ncpls.org) or Reid Cater (rcater@ncpls.org).</p> <p>We make offers on a rolling basis from now until late spring.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncpls.org/">https://www.ncpls.org/</a></p>
<p>Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project (Multiple Locations, PA)</p>	<p>Provides free civil legal assistance to incarcerated or institutionalized individuals whose constitutional rights have been violated. Interns will research and respond to letters with information relating to situation-specific issues such as assault, conditions of confinement, lack of medical care, and due process rights, among others, and will have the opportunity to assist in active cases with direct client contact.</p>	<p>Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and preferred internship location to Alexandra Morgan-Kurtz, Esq. (<a href="mailto:amorgan-kurtz@pailp.org">amorgan-kurtz@pailp.org</a>) and Matthew Feldman (<a href="mailto:mfeldman@pailp.org">mfeldman@pailp.org</a>).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pailp.org/">http://www.pailp.org/</a></p>



<p>Post Conviction Assistance Center (Los Angeles, CA)</p>	<p>The Post Conviction Assistance Center provides representation to indigent criminal defendants in post conviction proceedings in the Los Angeles Superior Court. The types of cases handled are petitions for writ of habeas corpus, post-conviction DNA testing investigations and motions pursuant to Cal. Penal Code section 1405, post conviction discovery proceedings pursuant to Cal. Penal Code section 1054.9, petitions for recall of sentence pursuant to Cal. Penal Code sections 1170.126 (Proposition 36, Three Strikes Reform Act) and 1170.18 (Proposition 47, Safe Neighborhoods and School Act), resentencing proceedings for juvenile offenders sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, and other juvenile and adult resentencing proceedings.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.pcaclaw.org/about.html">http://www.pcaclaw.org/about.html</a></p>
<p>Prison Justice League (Austin, TX)</p>			<p><a href="http://prisonjusticeleague.org/">http://prisonjusticeleague.org/</a></p>
<p>Prison Law Office (Berkeley, CA)</p>	<p>Leading non-profit representing people incarcerated in California prisons and jails. Lead counsel on Brown v. Plata along with innumerable other cases in California, and counsel in Parsons v. Ryan against the Arizona Department of Corrections. Looking for 2Ls with excellent research and writing skills. Hiring right now. PLO has had UCLA students come do semester-long externships for credit in the past and are always interested in hosting them during the semester. Summer interns are paid.</p>	<p>If you are interested, apply ASAP. Send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to <a href="mailto:office@prisonlaw.com">office@prisonlaw.com</a>.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, please contact Cass Cole (class of 2020)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.prisonlaw.com/">http://www.prisonlaw.com/</a></p>
<p>Prisoner Reentry Network (Oakland, CA)</p>	<p>Small non-profit dedicated to supporting successful transitions from incarceration to the community. PRN provides information to individuals anticipating release, petitions the department of corrections, and builds community. Looking for independent students to develop and execute a project - legal or extralegal.</p>	<p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked at Prisoner Reentry Network, please contact Sahar Khorramnezhad.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.prisonreentrynetwork.org/">http://www.prisonreentrynetwork.org/</a></p>

Prisoners' Legal Services of Massachusetts (Boston, MA)

Prisoners' Legal Services promotes the safe, humane and lawful treatment of Massachusetts prisoners through civil rights litigation, administrative advocacy, client counseling, and outreach to policy makers and the public. Our priority Areas are: Health Care, including mental health care, Staff Assaults, Extreme Conditions of Confinement, and Segregation. We represent MA's approximately 17,000 prisoners, and have approximately ten attorneys and five paralegals on staff. We seek hardworking law students interested in pursuing the legal services profession, especially those with an interest in the criminal legal system. While we don't practice criminal law, our work is inextricably tied to the criminal system, as all of our clients are criminally involved as incarcerated people. We ask that student attorneys work at PLS for a minimum of 18 hours per week, and internships generally last one semester, although there is the potential to lengthen that period of time. No prior experience in legal services is needed. We encourage multilingual students and students directly impacted by the criminal legal system to apply. Student attorneys are involved in every aspect of our work; from litigation, to advocacy, to legislative work, although we try to tailor the work to meet the interest of the individual student.

Interested law students should send a letter of interest, resume, and list of three references to Kristyn J.E. Henry at [khenry@plsma.org](mailto:khenry@plsma.org).

<http://www.plsma.org/>

<p>Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (Multiple Offices, NY)</p>	<p>PLS is a non-profit organization that provides civil legal services to indigent prisoners in New York State prisons, in cases where appointed counsel is not available. PLS advocates for prisoners on issues surrounding their conditions of confinement and helps prepare prisoners for release and successful reintegration into their communities. Specifically, PLS represents prisoners on cases involving: excessive use of force; prison discipline; inadequate medical and mental health care; sentence and jail time calculations; first amendment rights; child support, custody, and visitation; and parole and reentry issues. PLS has regional offices in Albany, Buffalo, Ithaca and Plattsburgh. Additionally, PLS now has a very robust immigration unit.</p>	<p>Interested students can also e-mail Patti Kane, Administrative Assistant, at <a href="mailto:pkane@plsny.org">pkane@plsny.org</a> and include a cover letter, resume and three references. You may also call Ms. Kane at 518-445-6050</p>	<p><a href="http://plsny.org/">http://plsny.org/</a></p>
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<p>Promise of Justice Initiative (New Orleans, LA)</p>	<p>The Promise of Justice Initiative (PJI) is a New Orleans based nonprofit that works to create positive change for people in the criminal justice system at the intersection of direct services, impact litigation, and community engagement. We believe in a world where our justice system values each person; a world where the system supports rehabilitation and where we approach justice with a lens of healing and restoration for those who are harmed. Our multi-pronged approach to change includes civil litigation, community outreach, and other advocacy focusing on inhumane conditions of confinement, prosecutorial misconduct, racial bias, effective representation, and the ultimate abolition of the death penalty. PJI is actively litigating the inadequate medical care at the Louisiana State Penitentiary, the state’s lethal injection procedures, and the overdetention of individuals past their legal release dates in Louisiana prisons and jails. We also represent death-sentenced inmates in federal habeas corpus proceedings and non-capital clients in strategic criminal representation, and are involved in a multitude of coalitions to promote criminal justice reform. PJI also recently won the US Supreme Court case Ramos v. Louisiana, and is now undertaking the representation of thousands of people across the state who were convicted by non-unanimous juries.</p>	<p>Interested students should contact Erica Navalance at <a href="mailto:CVolunteer@defendla.org">CVolunteer@defendla.org</a>.</p>	<p><a href="http://justicespromise.org/">http://justicespromise.org/</a></p>
<p>Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (Washington, DC)</p>	<p>One of the country's premiere public defender offices. Also has an active civil rights practice, addressing issues faced by their clients.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.pdsdc.org/">http://www.pdsdc.org/</a></p>

<p>Rights Behind Bars (Washington, DC)</p>	<p>Rights Behind Bars is accepting applications from current law students who are passionate about prisoners' rights and interested in spending the summer working on appellate litigation. Rights Behind Bars is a non-profit organization founded in 2019 that legally advocates for people in prisons, jails, and immigration detention centers to live in humane conditions. We use a track-and-intervene model by identifying promising appeals and representing pro se plaintiffs in federal and state courts of appeals. Rights Behind Bars also serves as a hub for developments in prison law, linking people in prison and detention centers, their family and community advocates, legal experts, academics, and private attorneys.</p> <p>Legal interns at RBB will participate in all aspects of our litigation and open government work. This could include tracking the flood of prison and immigration detention conditions litigation through court decisions, drafting briefs, conducting legal research, preparing legal memoranda, drafting letters and Freedom of Information Act Requests, and interviewing clients. As a new and very small organization, Rights Behind Bars offers an exciting opportunity with room for serious responsibility for someone who is dedicated to the rights of people in prisons, jails, and immigration detention centers. We are seeking applicants who have a deep commitment to this work, are self-starters who are comfortable with a lack of structure and eager to take initiative, and have strong research, writing, and communication skills.</p>	<p>Students interested in this opportunity should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, writing sample, and two references to <a href="mailto:kellyjo@rightsbehindbars.org">kellyjo@rightsbehindbars.org</a>. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>We cannot offer compensation at this time, but we will work with law school programs or other third parties that provide public interest funding.</p> <p>Location in Washington, D.C. is preferable but working remotely from elsewhere may be possible.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.rightsbehindbars.org">www.rightsbehindbars.org</a></p>
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<p>Roderick &amp; Solange MacArthur Justice Center (Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>Clinic housed at Northwestern Law School, working on impact litigation related to criminal justice, including prison litigation, death penalty, and police brutality. There's opportunity for both trial and appellate level work.</p>		<p><a href="http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/macarthur/">http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/macarthur/</a></p>
<p>Trial Litigation Program of the Roderick &amp; Solange MacArthur Justice Center (Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>RSMJC is accepting applications from law students for summer trial-level internships in its Chicago office. Students will immerse themselves in a fast-paced civil rights trial practice, focusing on issues of police misconduct, mass imprisonment, racial injustice and the criminalization of poverty. Students will draft legal briefs, work with clients and organizations, conduct community outreach, research caselaw, draft discovery, participate in expert discovery, prepare for depositions, and attend court hearings.</p> <p>Cases include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic challenges to pretrial detention practices, including the use of cash bail and denial of access to counsel;</li> <li>• Wrongful conviction damages suits focusing on police and prosecutorial misconduct and constitutional violations;</li> <li>• Prisoner rights suits, addressing denial of mental health care, sexual abuse and harassment, LGBTQI rights, and ICE/immigration detention;</li> <li>• Excessive force litigation, particularly police shootings, focusing on issues of Fourth Amendment liability and qualified immunity;</li> <li>• Parole revocation reform, seeking due process protections and appointment of counsel in the Illinois Department of Corrections.</li> </ul>	<p>Students interested in either opportunity should submit a cover letter, resume, a list of references and a writing sample to Anissa Torres at <a href="mailto:anissa.torres1@law.northwestern.edu">anissa.torres1@law.northwestern.edu</a>. We will reach out to schedule a telephone or video interview prior to making selections.</p> <p>Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through January 15, 2021. Compensation may be available for students who do not receive summer funding from their law schools.</p> <p>Internships will be conducted in-person only if state and federal health guidance deems it safe to do so. Otherwise, the internships will be conducted remotely, via telephone, Zoom and other accessible technologies.</p>	<p>-</p>

Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center (New Orleans, LA)	Litigating class action prison conditions case against Orleans Parish Prison.	If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law alum who has worked at this office, please let us know and we will put you in touch with her.	<a href="http://neworleans.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html">http://neworleans.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html</a>
Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center (Oxford, Mississippi)	Clinic housed at University of Mississippi, engaged in “litigation of cases addressing systemic weaknesses in the state’s criminal justice and legal systems.”		<a href="http://umlaw.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html">http://umlaw.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html</a>
Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center at St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)		Remote work is a possibility for the summer.	<a href="http://www.macarthurjustice.org/missouri/">http://www.macarthurjustice.org/missouri/</a>

Supreme Court and Appellate Program of the Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Program (Washington, D.C.; Chicago, IL)

Students will work principally on appeals before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal circuit courts, or state courts of appeal, which raise important issues related to civil rights and the criminal justice system. Students will also likely be involved in trial court litigation over the summer. Students will have the opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the office's ongoing appellate cases, including performing research and drafting legal analysis for briefs that will be filed in federal court. Students will gain exposure to the broader appellate process, which may include participation in client interaction and strategic decision-making, analysis of factual records, and participation in moot oral arguments (depending upon the stage of their assigned matters). MJC is one of the nation's premier civil rights organizations and champions criminal justice reform through litigation, in areas that include police misconduct, rights of the accused, issues facing indigent prisoners, the death penalty, and the rights of detainees. The organization's Appellate Project and Washington, D.C. office focus specifically on appellate litigation as a vehicle for achieving change in these areas. Examples of issues raised in MJC appeals include:

- Unsettled questions of criminal procedure under the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments (search & seizure, privilege against self-incrimination, right to a jury, right to counsel);
- Issues facing indigent prisoners, including the constitutional rights of prisoners to be free from cruel and unusual treatment by prison officials and access to courts;
- Constitutional challenges to the use of solitary confinement in the prison system.

Students interested in this opportunity should submit a cover letter, resume, a list of references, and a writing sample to Earl Lin at [dc@macarthurjustice.org](mailto:dc@macarthurjustice.org). We will reach out to schedule a telephone or video interview prior to making selections. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through January 15, 2021. Compensation may be available for students who do not receive summer funding from their law schools. Students who apply should indicate in bold in their cover letter whether they are applying to Chicago, Washington D.C., or both.

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<p>Rutgers Law School Criminal &amp; Youth Justice Clinic Summer Internship (Camden/Newark, New Jersey)</p>	<p>The Criminal &amp; Youth Justice Clinic provides post-dispositional legal representation to youth incarcerated in New Jersey's long-term juvenile detention facilities. Interns will work with the clinic director and staff attorneys to assist with post-dispositional representation of our clients. The Clinic's post-dispositional representation includes monitoring the safety and well-being of confined youth, helping to ensure access to mental health and psychological services, ensuring access to family while in custody, representing or assisting youth with filing internal facility grievances and otherwise exhausting facility administrative remedies, representing or assisting youth in internal disciplinary hearings, representing youth in motions to modify sentence, representing youth in probation and parole review and revocation hearings, and filing motions to terminate probation.</p>	<p>Applicants must have completed at least 1 year of legal education. Possession of a driver's license and the ability to travel to detention facilities throughout New Jersey is required. Position is unpaid.</p> <p>Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume as a single PDF to Kate Finley at <a href="mailto:kate.finley@rutgers.edu">kate.finley@rutgers.edu</a>.</p>	<p>-</p>
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<p>Southern Center for Human Rights (Atlanta, GA)</p>	<p>The mission of SCHR is to end capital punishment, mass incarceration, and other criminal justice practices that are used to control the lives of poor people, people of color, and other marginalized groups in the Southern United States. We do this through death penalty representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education. Each year students from schools across the country and abroad spend a semester or summer at the Southern Center completing a variety of assignments under the supervision of experienced staff. We give our interns a great deal of responsibility and they have been instrumental in many of our successes. For example, law students researched and helped draft portions of a brief to the United States Supreme Court in Snyder v. Louisiana, which was later argued by SCHR President and Senior Counsel Stephen Bright. Interns' assistance in investigating prison conditions have led to court orders and settlements that have greatly improved the lives of thousands of incarcerated men and women in Georgia and Alabama.</p>	<p>Contact Professor Sunita Patel, who spent some time here before coming to UCLA. You can also contact Ian Stringham, a former UCLA Law student who spent this past summer here.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.schr.org/about/internships">https://www.schr.org/about/internships</a></p>
<p>Southern Poverty Law Center (Jackson, New Orleans, Miami, Montgomery)</p>	<p>SPLC is looking for summer interns to do prisoners' rights work in four offices: Jackson Mississippi, New Orleans, Miami, and Montgomery Alabama.</p>	<p>We currently have a UCLA Law alum doing a fellowship at SPLC in Mississippi. If you would like to talk to him, please let us know and we will put you in touch.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.splcenter.org/">https://www.splcenter.org/</a></p>

Sylvia Rivera Law Project (New York, NY)	The Sylvia Rivera Law Project works to ensure a world where everyone is free to self-determine their gender. We provide direct legal services, movement building, policy and litigation work. Our Prisoner Justice Project works with transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex people on issues ranging from solitary confinement, medical and mental health treatment, name changes, and ID corrections. SRLP's Prisoner Justice Project also creates guides for our membership including "It's War in Here", "KYR in NYS Prison", "Tips for dealing with cops" and more.	Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to <a href="mailto:mik@srlp.org">mik@srlp.org</a> . The cover letter should state why the applicant wants to work at a transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex specific organization. The writing sample should be no more than 5 pages. A section from a longer work is fine.	<a href="https://srlp.org/about/legal-services/prisoner-justice-project/">https://srlp.org/about/legal-services/prisoner-justice-project/</a>
Texas Civil Rights Project (Multiple Locations, TX)	The Texas Civil Rights Project - Criminal Justice Reform Program dedicates significant resources to litigating prison conditions. Recent projects include representing inmates in litigation demanding air conditioning for prisoners, representing disabled inmates whose needs are not appropriately accommodated by Texas prisons as required under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and investigating the long term use of solitary confinement for mentally ill inmates. The Criminal Justice Reform Program largely operates out of our Houston, Texas office, but the fellow may possibly be able to work out of our offices in Dallas, Austin, El Paso, and South Texas (Alamo).	If interested, please send resume, cover, writing sample, and two references to CJR's paralegal, Chris Rivera, <a href="mailto:atchristopher@texascivilrightsproject.org">atchristopher@texascivilrightsproject.org</a> and please copy Megan Garcia at <a href="mailto:megan@texascivilrightsproject.org">megan@texascivilrightsproject.org</a> .	<a href="https://www.texascivilrightsproject.org/en/">https://www.texascivilrightsproject.org/en/</a>

<p>Trans in Prison Justice Project</p>	<p>The Trans in Prison Justice Project (TIP), housed at Disability Rights Washington, works at the intersections of disability and trans justice. Law student interns should be interested in work that balances direct services with systems advocacy, and will be expected to engage with trans and gender diverse prisoners on a daily basis. TIP has federal access authority to all settings of incarceration, which allows interns the ability to see firsthand the conditions in Washington's prisons across the state, even in the most secluded and segregated parts of those facilities. Some examples of work past interns have engaged in include: individual and systemic investigations, policy advocacy, developing self-help resources, legal research and writing, collaborative projects with community organizations, Rule 9 legal representation, media work, case assistance, and technical assistance. Competitive applicants will demonstrate a commitment to social justice/movement lawyering, including a critical analysis of the criminalization of LGBTQI people, the criminal legal system, and carceral punishment. People with disabilities, people of color, formerly institutionalized or incarcerated individuals, LGBTQI-identified people, and those who have been personally impacted by the criminal legal system are strongly encouraged to apply.</p>	<p>If interested, please contact Danny Waxwing at <a href="mailto:dannyw@dr-wa.org">dannyw@dr-wa.org</a> to check on availability of internship positions and instructions for applying.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/program/avid/">https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/program/avid/</a></p>
<p>UC Davis School of Law Prison Law Clinic</p>	<p>The UC Davis Prison Law Clinic does all manner of prison law work: consent decree litigation, class action conditions litigation, deportation defense, post-conviction relief for immigrants, advising public defenders on immigration consequences, bond hearings, circuit court appellate work, pro se prisoner assistance and workshops, and federal habeas litigation for immigration detainees. We are told they have a ton of work and you will get great hands-on experience with them.</p>	<p>Please contact Professor Holly Cooper at <a href="mailto:hcooper@ucdavis.edu">hcooper@ucdavis.edu</a>.</p>	<p><a href="https://law.ucdavis.edu/">https://law.ucdavis.edu/</a></p>

UnCommon Law (Oakland, CA)	Keith Wattley is the leading lawyer representing California lifers in parole hearings. He teaches the seminar California Prison to Parole here at the UCLA School of Law and runs the clinic. He is located in Oakland and is looking for two law students for the upcoming summer to work with him on behalf of lifers seeking parole.	If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law alum who has worked with Keith Wattley on parole representation, please let us know and we will connect you.	<a href="http://uncommonlaw.org/">http://uncommonlaw.org/</a>
U.S. Department of Justice – Civil Rights Special Litigation Section (Washington, D.C.)	This is the office in DOJ that enforces the Civil Rights of Incarcerated Persons Act (with the unfortunate acronym of CRIPA). They investigate and sometimes sue prisons, jails, juvenile facilities and other carceral institutions around the country. They also investigate police departments where there is evidence of systemic civil rights violations. Among many other cases, they wrote the influential report on the use of fines and fees in Ferguson, MO, and documented the effect of this practice on the events following the shooting of Michael Brown.		<a href="http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/spl/">http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/spl/</a>
Uptown People’s Law Center (Chicago, IL)	UPLC does a wide range of prisoners’ rights work, including on behalf of prisoners in solitary confinement. Alan Mills’ shop (one of the leading prisoners’ rights litigators in the country). Student interns typically perform a range of tasks including: reviewing medical records, reviewing emails and other documents related to prison operations, visiting prisoners to interview them regarding issues in our class action litigation, researching and drafting motions, responding to discovery requests, and other similar tasks. They try to arrange for each intern to make at least one visit to a prison to interview prisoners each summer.	One or two positions available and interested students should e-mail <a href="mailto:uplcchicago@gmail.com">uplcchicago@gmail.com</a> . Prefers 2Ls, but will accept applications from 1Ls.	<a href="http://www.uplcchicago.org">www.uplcchicago.org</a>
Vermont Office of the Defender General – Prisoners’ Rights Office (Montpelier, VT)			<a href="http://defgen.vermont.gov/staff/central/prisoners-rights">http://defgen.vermont.gov/staff/central/prisoners-rights</a>

Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs (Washington, D.C.)

The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs provides legal assistance to individuals and communities in the Washington, DC region who experience violations of their civil rights. Student interns obtain hands-on experience investigating and litigating civil rights matters and receive extensive training in civil rights law and regular supervision and feedback. Depending on the needs of our cases and clients at a given time, law student interns should expect to do work in one or more of the following areas: prisoners' rights, criminal legal system reform, workplace justice, housing justice, and disability rights. 2Ls and 3Ls are preferred, but 1Ls with outstanding qualifications will be considered. The internship is 10 weeks. We are accepting applications for Spring 2021 and Fall 2021. Internship selection will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Please send an email with a cover letter indicating which area(s) you would like to focus on, your resume, an unofficial transcript, list of references, and a brief writing sample to [internships@washlaw.org](mailto:internships@washlaw.org). Email subject should specify Law Student and Fall/Spring/Summer internship.

<https://www.washlaw.org/about-us/employment-at-wlc/civil-rights-legal-internship/>

Law Firms	Description	Contact	Website
Hadsell Stormer & Renick, LLP (Pasadena, CA)	A firm on the public/private model, they generally have a rich § 1983 practice, with an emphasis on prison conditions and police brutality.		<a href="http://www.hadsellstormer.com/">http://www.hadsellstormer.com/</a>
The Hill Law Firm (Los Angeles, CA)	The Hill Law Firm is a small, private public interest firm in Los Angeles, California. The law firm's primary work is representing LGBTQ persons in civil rights cases, largely transgender, gender-nonconforming, and non-binary persons who have been abused by law enforcement in local jails and state prisons. We also work on other matters in the intersection of the criminal legal system and LGBTQ civil rights, such as policy advocacy for TGNC detainees and criminal defense for TGNC protestors. A potential law clerk should be familiar with the LGBTQ community and appropriate terminology. The firm is transitioning to a non-profit structure, and may be able to host a student receiving a public interest summer stipend from their law school; the timing of this transition will become clearer in the spring.	Please send applications to Tasha Hill at <a href="mailto:tasha@hillcivilrights.com">tasha@hillcivilrights.com</a> , and feel free to email with any questions. Applications should include a cover letter, resume, and law school transcript (though there is no grade or GPA requirement). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting January 31, 2021.  We anticipate hiring one law clerk for summer 2021, who will be able to work remotely.	
Johnson & Klein, PLLC (Boulder, CO)	Boutique litigation firm in Boulder, Colorado, that routinely handles civil-rights cases, including many prisoners' rights matters. The firm also maintains a robust criminal-defense practice in state and federal courts.	Contact <a href="mailto:gjohnson@johnsonklein.com">gjohnson@johnsonklein.com</a> . Interested applicants should please send a cover letter, resume, list of references, law school transcript, and two writing samples.  Remote work is a likely possibility, please contact us for updated information.	<a href="http://www.johnsonklein.com">www.johnsonklein.com</a>

Loevy & Loevy  
(Chicago, IL &  
Boulder, CO)

Loevy & Loevy is a civil rights law firm that maintains a diverse nationwide practice of complex civil rights litigation. Loevy's cases include wrongful convictions, prisoners' rights, police brutality, whistleblower claims, and FOIA litigation. The firm have five paid positions for second-year law students and third-year law students who plan to begin clerkships following graduation. Loevy & Loevy also accepts applications from first-year law students for unpaid summer associate positions. The ideal candidate is a person who is intelligent, hard working, and passionate about civil rights and justice. Strong writing and research skills, and an ability to work efficiently, are essential. Summer associates at Loevy enjoy the benefit of learning from experienced attorneys with whom they work closely throughout the summer. They are given meaningful, substantive legal work, and they participate in a wide range of litigation activities across all of our practice areas (to match the associate's interest). Typical assignments include drafting briefs and motions, as well as assisting with depositions, case investigations, witness interviews, hearings, and trials. Loevy & Loevy is an equal opportunity employer. We value diversity and an inclusive culture. We welcome applications from first-generation professionals. We strongly encourage applications from all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, veteran's status, or national origin.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample to Sarah Grady at [jobs@loevy.com](mailto:jobs@loevy.com) / [sarah@loevy.com](mailto:sarah@loevy.com) / 312.243.5900

[www.loevy.com](http://www.loevy.com)



<p>Rosen, Bien, Galvan and Grunfeld (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>Rosen Bien Galvan &amp; Grunfeld LLP, a San Francisco law firm specializing in complex trial and appellate litigation in both federal and state courts, seeks a summer associate for the summer for a full-time, paid position lasting approximately ten weeks. Our diverse practice includes: complex commercial litigation; white collar criminal defense and government enforcement; constitutional and civil rights cases both for damages on behalf of individual clients and to remedy large scale systemic rights violations; class actions in civil rights, employment, antitrust and consumer protection; and workplace disputes in cases of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, retirement benefits, non-competition agreements and wage and hour enforcement. Excellent research and writing skills are essential. RBGG values diversity, and strongly encourages applications from attorneys from traditionally underrepresented groups, including people of color, persons with disabilities, people from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals. Applications deadline is October, but may be extended. No phone calls please; our website will be updated when the position is filled. <i>(Note: They are a law firm on the public/private model, and a large portion of their docket is in civil rights, especially prisoners' rights. Among many other cases, RBGG is lead counsel on the Coleman litigation, which concerns the treatment of mentally ill prisoners in the California system.)</i></p>	<p>Please apply via e-mail to Mark Love, mlove@rbgg.com, and include all of the following: a cover letter, resume, two writing samples, two or more references (including email and telephone number), and law school transcript.</p> <p>Note: <i>Be sure to mention that you are affiliated with the UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program. Several lawyers there are well acquainted with us, and we have alums at the firm.</i></p>	<p><a href="https://rbgg.com/practice-areas/civil-rights-civil-liberties/">https://rbgg.com/practice-areas/civil-rights-civil-liberties/</a></p>
<p>Prisoners' Justice League of Colorado (Denver)</p>	<p>This is a law firm focusing on prisoners' rights work. There is no formal application process.</p>	<p>If interested in more information, please contact Lisi Owen: <a href="mailto:lisi@pjcolorado.com">lisi@pjcolorado.com</a></p>	

Stoll, Glickman & Bellina, LLP (Brooklyn, NY)			<a href="http://www.stollglickman.com/">http://www.stollglickman.com/</a>
<b>Solo Practitioners</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Website</b>
John Adcock (New Orleans, LA)			
Gregory Belzley (Prospect, KY)			
Howard Friedman (Boston, MA)			<a href="http://www.civil-rights-law.com/">http://www.civil-rights-law.com/</a>
Caitlin Henry (Oakland, CA)			<a href="https://caitlinkellyhenry.com/">https://caitlinkellyhenry.com/</a>
Deborah Labelle (Ann Arbor, MI)			
Lori Rifkin (San Francisco, CA)	Rifkin's practice is almost exclusively prisoners' rights cases. She recently joined Hadsell Stormer & Rennick, LLP, and works out of San Francisco.	For opportunities to intern with Ms. Rifkin, contact HSR directly. <i>See page 39 of this guide for more info on HSR</i>	
Marianne Sawicki (Huntingdon, PA)	Solo practice litigates for prisoner clients under RLUIPA, ADA, and U.S. Constitution through Section 1983, mostly in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Emphasis on personal contact, visiting inside the five nearby state correctional institutions, assisting clients to navigate DOC regulations and to exhaust administrative remedies. Appellate practice at Third Circuit. Work may include support for discovery, depositions, and hearings. If you like research, you'll love helping me construct briefs in opposition to maneuvers of government attorneys. Location is Huntingdon, PA. Amtrak stops here, though not often.	Marianne Sawicki, Esq., (814) 506-2636. Not on social media. See PACER for cases in M.D. Pa.	<a href="mailto:MarianneSawicki@verizon.net">MarianneSawicki@verizon.net</a>

Law Office of Stacy Scheff (Tucson, AZ)	Interns will be assisting with setting up calls with incarcerated clients and interviewing them, drafting demand letters, and active litigation on behalf of prisoners, including researching legal issues and drafting pleadings.	\$450/week for a 2L.	<a href="mailto:stacy.scheff@gmail.com">stacy.scheff@gmail.com</a>
Lynn Walsh (Portland, OR)			