

UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program Summer 2022 Job Search Guide

Organizations	Description	Contact	Website
<p>Abolitionist Law Center</p>	<p>The Abolitionist Law Center offers legal internships and externships to law students who successfully complete their first year and want to work with us in defending the human rights of prisoners in Pennsylvania. Our casework includes litigation challenging police terror against protestors and Black community members, solitary confinement and prison censorship, exposure to toxic coal waste at SCI Fayette, juvenile life without parole, and torture against community members with psychiatric disabilities at Allegheny County Jail.</p>	<p>Interested applicants should email a resume (1 page), cover letter (no more than 2 pages double spaced), legal writing sample (no more than 10 pages double spaced), and two letters of recommendation to: info@abolitionistlawcenter.org.</p>	<p>http://abolitionistlawcenter.org/</p>
<p>ACLU National Prison Project (Washington, D.C.)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>A Summer internship requires a full-time commitment of 35 hours per week. A Fall or Winter/Spring internship requires a part-time or full-time commitment 15, 20, or 35 hours per week. Part-time internships are a 12-week period and full-time internships are a 10-week period.</p> <p>Fall: September – December</p> <p>Winter/Spring: January – April*</p> <p>Summer: June – August</p>	<p>Send Resume/CV, writing sample (no more than 10 pages), and cover letter through online portal.</p> <p>Apply online: https://boards.greenhouse.io/acluinternships/jobs/4879741002#application</p> <p>Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible as decisions are made on a rolling basis.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here before, please contact Heaven Strouse.</p>	<p>https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/aclu-national-prison-project</p>

ACLU Disability Rights Program (San Francisco, CA)

The ACLU strives for an America free of discrimination against people with disabilities; where people with disabilities are valued, integrated members of society who have full access to education, homes, health care, jobs, families, voting, and civic engagement. We are also committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are no longer segregated into, and overrepresented in, civil and criminal institutions such as nursing homes, psychiatric hospitals, jails, and prisons.

DRP Interns are essential to the work of our small team. Our legal interns engage in legal research, participate in team meetings, review and cite-check briefs, and engage in client outreach, intake calls, and other daily work of our team. Interns will gain valuable experience by working with the team on a wide variety of issues.

Send Resume/CV, writing sample (no more than 10 pages), and cover letter through online portal.

Apply online:
<https://boards.greenhouse.io/acluinternships/jobs/5564409002#application>

The internship requires a full-time commitment of 35 hours per week. Full-time internships are a 10-week period. Summer interns are expected to start May 31 or June 13, 2022.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and accepted until the position is filled.

<https://www.aclu.org/issues/disability-rights>

ACLU of Alaska
(Anchorage, AK)

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.

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.

To apply, please email a resume, cover letter, unofficial transcript, three references, and a writing sample to jobs@acluak.org with the headline “Summer Law Clerk.”

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.

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

<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 (ebildner@acluct.org). If students want to focus their internship on prisoners' rights work, they should mention it in their cover letter.</p>	<p>acluct.org</p>
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<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: https://www.aclu-nj.org/act/internships/applicationform/</p> <p>If students have particular interest in prisoners’ rights work, they should mention it in their cover letter.</p>	<p>https://www.aclu-nj.org/</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 & 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: https://www.aclusocal.org/en/jobs/legaladvocacy-internships-externships-volunteer-opportunities</p>	<p>https://www.aclusocal.org/</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 2021 and Advancement Project staff continue to work remotely at the current time.</p>	<p>Student can apply using this link: https://advancementproject.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=37.</p> <p>We were remote in 2021 and will be at least partially remote during the first part of 2022. We can let applicants know if we will be remote for next summer by March 15, 2022.</p>	<p>advancementproject.org</p>
<p>Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (Tuscaloosa, AL)</p>	<p>Serving as Alabama’s Protection & 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 adap@adap.ua.edu with the subject line “Legal Clerkship Application”.</p>	<p>adap.ua.edu</p>

The Arc's
National Center
on Criminal
Justice and
Disability
(NCCJD)
(Washington, DC)

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.

All interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, three references, a legal writing sample, and unofficial transcript to Ariel Simms at simms@thearc.org. We are open to students working remotely.

<http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD>

Bazon Center for Mental Health Law (Washington, DC)

The Bazon Center is always seeking talented law students, who are committed to social justice and interested in promoting and protecting the rights of adults and children with mental illnesses, for summer and school-year internships.

The Center's staff work on U.S. Supreme Court and other federal and state appellate cases, bring impact litigation at the trial court level, engage in policy advocacy in Congress and at federal agencies, and provide education and training on the rights of people with mental illnesses. The Center's attorneys are considered experts in systems reform litigation.

Legal interns will have an opportunity to obtain hands-on experience with both the investigation and litigation of disability rights matters. Interns will have the opportunity to investigate potential claims by interviewing complainants and witnesses, reviewing documents, and preparing factual and legal memoranda. Interns will work on the Center's active litigation docket by conducting legal research, drafting briefs, and assisting with legal proceedings.

Legal interns will also have the opportunity to contribute to the Center's policy efforts by conducting background research for fact sheets and policy papers and preparing legal and policy analysis related to regulatory actions, legislation, and current events. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend Congressional briefings and hearings and meetings of national disability rights and civil rights coalitions.

Interns will receive extensive training in disability rights advocacy and regular supervision and feedback.

Interns should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and strong communication and organizational skills. Completed course work in a civil rights subject matter, particularly disability rights, is preferred. 2Ls and 3Ls are preferred, but 1Ls with outstanding qualifications will be considered.

To submit an application, please send the following materials via PDF attachment to Lewis Bossing (lewisb@bazelon.org):

- (1) a cover letter describing your interest in working with the Center, the time period for which you are applying, and what experiences you are hoping to have as an intern;
- (2) a resume;
- (3) an unofficial transcript; and
- (4) a writing sample of ten pages or fewer.

<http://www.bazon.org/about/careers-internships/legal-internships/>

<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 betsy.ginsberg@yu.edu.</p> <p>We are open to students working remotely.</p>	<p>http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/civilrightsclinic</p>
<p>The Bronx Defenders (Bronx, NY)</p>	<p>Bronx Defenders does prisoners’ rights work through their Civil Action Practice. Indicate your interest in your materials.</p> <p>Every year, from August through October, The Bronx Defenders accepts applications from second-year law students for our criminal, family, civil, immigration and impact litigation practices. Interviews will take place through the end of October/first week of November and our robust summer internship programming will begin May/June of the following year. Applicants are encouraged to apply through on-campus interviewing program or nearest career fair if possible.</p>	<p>Search opportunities online here: https://careers-bronxdefenders.icims.com/jobs/intro?hashed=-435651324</p> <p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, please contact Caroline Bartholomew.</p>	<p>http://www.bronxdefenders.org/</p>

<p>California Appellate Project – Unrepresented Condemned Inmate Project (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Internship applications are encouraged and accepted at any time.</p> <p>To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to internships@capsf.org.</p> <p>In the summer, students work full time for at least 10 weeks, usually starting after Memorial Day.</p> <p>CAP internships are unpaid. We welcome students who can volunteer, receive school credit, or work under the sponsorship of a public interest grant in order to support their work in our organization.</p>	<p>https://capsf.org/public/employment.aspx</p>
<p>California Prison Focus (Oakland, CA)</p>	<p>California Prison Focus monitors abuses and conditions inside California prisons, with a focus on the use and conditions of solitary confinement. Our California prison reports are based on written correspondence with California prisoners and prison visits. We disseminate our prison reports to the general public, to policy makers, media, allied organizations and activists, and to prisoners nationwide.</p>	<p>Email cpfvol@gmail.com or complete volunteer form: http://newest.prisons.org/volunteer</p>	<p>http://newest.prisons.org/</p>

Center for Constitutional Rights (New York, NY)

CCR works hard to empower those who have been imprisoned, supporting movements begun by prisoners and foregrounding their stories and voices in our work. With the National Lawyers Guild, we provide our Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook to prisoners and their families, giving them the tools to file lawsuits and fight against mistreatment and prison conditions. Our challenges to mass incarceration have included a lawsuit arguing that long-term solitary confinement is unconstitutional; fighting onerous restrictions and secretive facilities for certain groups of prisoners; convincing the U.S. Supreme Court to require due process for transfers to Supermax facilities; a successful campaign against exorbitant prison phone call rates; and efforts to hold prison and government officials responsible for killing and wounding prisoners during the Attica rebellion. In our litigation and in our advocacy, CCR draws the connections between mass incarceration and racial injustice, discriminatory policing, economic oppression, torture, and abusive immigration practices. We seek to challenge particular circumstances that cause suffering to and violate the rights of imprisoned individuals, as well as to help broader efforts to dismantle the system of mass incarceration as a whole.

Note: This is a Spring 2022 Opportunity. Apply by December 3, 2021

The Center for Constitutional Rights seeks experienced second- or third-year law students or LLM students with a strong commitment to social justice to provide legal research and analysis as part of a semester-long paid internship or externship opportunity.

Qualified candidates should prepare a resume, cover letter, legal writing sample, and list of three references as one PDF document, with your name in the document title, prior to applying via: <https://ccrjustice.org/legal-internship-application>

Reference letters are not requested. Your cover letter should include your availability over the term and the particular project areas you are interested in. Please note any program deadlines clearly in your application. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and strong consideration will be given to early applicants.

For UCLA students, contact Professor Sunita Patel, who spent some time here before coming to UCLA.

<http://ccrjustice.org/>

<p>Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) (Washington, D.C.)</p>	<p>Citizens United for Rehabilitation Errants is a grass-roots 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.</p>	<p>Contact cure@curenational.org</p>	<p>www.curenational.org</p>
<p>Civil Rights Education and Enforcement Center (Denver, CO & Berkeley, CA)</p>	<p>CREEC was established in 2013 to conduct impact litigation and engage in outreach, education, and proactive investigation. Through large-scale class action lawsuits and individual cases, as well as education efforts, CREEC works to ensure that everyone can fully and independently participate in our nation's civic life without discrimination based on race, gender, disability, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or gender identity. CREEC's education and enforcement work and nearly all our current cases fall under the Immigration Detention Accountability Project (IDAP) or under the Accessibility Project.</p>	<p>Email a resume and cover letter that explains your interest and any relevant experience for the Immigration Accountability Detention Project, to: resumes@creeclaw.org.</p> <p>Email CREEC's Director of the Accessibility Project, Martie Lafferty (mlafferty@creeclaw.org), if you are interested in applying to be an extern for the Accessibility Project.</p>	<p>https://creeclaw.org/ https://creeclaw.org/take-action/externships/</p>

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.

Applicants may apply to work with one of two primary practice areas: Mass Incarceration and Immigration, and at any of our statewide offices, located in Kennewick, Olympia, Seattle, Wenatchee, and Yakima. Candidates applying for positions with an emphasis on Immigration must be proficient in Spanish.

If you are interested in a legal internship or externship send a cover letter, resume, and Equity Statement to careers@columbialegal.org with Internship or Externship in the subject line. Please indicate which practice area and location you are applying to work in.

Deadline: February 1st with priority given to those submitted on or before December 15.

Professor Beth Colgan spent several years here. Interested students should reach out to her.

www.columbialegal.org

<https://columbialegal.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Internship-Externship-Annual-Posting.pdf>

Correctional Association of New York (East New York, Brooklyn, NY)

For 175 years, CANY has been the only independent organization in New York with authority under state law to monitor prisons and report our findings to the legislature and the broader public.

In addition to carrying out this unique mandate through onsite prison monitoring visits, we confidentially communicate with incarcerated people about their experiences through the mail, one-on-one interviews, and collect phone calls.

There are nearly 50,000 people incarcerated in 54 prisons across New York State. To provide effective oversight of this large and complex system, we track key issues of concern and analyze trends through onsite prison monitoring visits, intensive data collection, and communication with people in prison. We work through coalitions and with other advocacy partners to advance an array of proposed solutions, from draft legislation to recommended practice shifts in specific facilities.

Applicants are encouraged to send a cover letter and resume to the Correctional Association at info@correctionalassociation.org. Please add “Volunteer/Internship” in the subject line and include your availability during the week in the body of the email.

For Summer Interns, the suggested application dates are between February and April.

<https://www.correctionalassociation.org/work-with-us>

Detroit Justice Center (Detroit, MI)

The Detroit Justice Center works alongside communities to create economic opportunities, transform the justice system, and promote equitable and just cities. DJC is founded on the belief that we cannot build cities that work for everyone without remedying the impacts of mass incarceration. This mission requires innovative ways of community lawyering—rooted in defensive and offensive fights for racial justice and economic equity—that build up our poorest residents through direct services and novel approaches to land use, housing, and employment.

Our interns join our team in Detroit to work on a varied caseload, including advocacy, direct representation, litigation, community education, and research. Interns will engage with our multi-faceted approach to movement lawyering, community engagement and policy change.

While in Detroit, our interns encounter the structural inequity of the justice system, while supporting our team in fighting tax foreclosure and gentrification, building community land trusts and worker cooperatives, challenging water shutoffs, blocking new jail construction, fighting for bail reform, and implementing new restorative justice programs. Interns are also guided to develop and deepen their understanding of movement lawyering through a curriculum of weekly readings, seminars, and reflections.

Interns will have the opportunity to engage with our multi-faceted approach to movement lawyering, community engagement, policy change, and participatory democracy. The internship program is a partnership between Detroit Justice Center, Amistad Law Project, Baltimore Action Legal Team, Community Justice Project, Movement Law Lab and Law for Black Lives. **The application deadline for 2Ls is November 12th and the deadline for 1Ls is December 3rd.**

Apply here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyw_igJGYLJZojWfKxettbespcYOLFJgUl9DwV4JTb-PpUzw/viewform

<https://www.detroitjustice.org/movementlawyerinternship>

Disability Rights
California
(Multiple
Locations, CA)

Disability Rights California (“DRC”) is a nonprofit, public interest law firm, established in 1978 to protect the legal, civil, and service rights of people with all types of disabilities. We are the designated Protection and Advocacy agency for California, and the largest disability rights organization in the country. Our Legal Advocacy Unit (“LAU”) collaborates state-wide to represent Californians with disabilities. DRC has offices in Sacramento, Oakland, Fresno, Los Angeles, Ontario, and San Diego. The LAU is comprised of seven Practice Groups, each specializing in their own practice area.

Legal Advocacy units that engage with jails/prisons are the Civil Rights unit, Mental Health unit, and investigations unit. These units work in institutions to keep individuals free from abuse and neglect and protect their legal rights

The investigations unit use Disability Rights California’s access authority as the designated Protection and Advocacy Agency to conduct individual investigations and monitoring in nursing homes, jails, immigration detention centers, state psychiatric hospitals, state developmental centers, and community settings.

The Mental Health unit works in mental health facilities, including county-funded facilities and state hospitals. We work in jails, juvenile facilities and detention centers to improve conditions, eliminate unnecessary isolation and segregation and secure adequate medical and mental health treatment.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter indicating a preference for practice group, time commitment, and office location, resume, and brief writing sample (10 pages maximum) to the law clerk coordinators at LawClerks@disabilityrightsca.org.

If selected for an interview, please be prepared to provide references (with telephone numbers) and unofficial transcripts.

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

Disability Rights
Legal Center (Los
Angeles, CA)

Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) strives to affect change through individual and impact litigation that protects those with disabilities. DRLC accepts cases involving:

Discrimination, mistreatment and/or harassment by public or private entities based on disability. These cases, including discrimination across settings, involve housing, transportation, public places, schools, parks, telecommunications, law enforcement, jails and juvenile halls.

Summer law clerks will primarily assist attorneys with investigation, research, and drafting in current and prospective cases in all areas of disability discrimination. Substantive areas of work may include access to education, transportation, public accommodation, and health care. Interns may also assist in the analysis of calls received by the DRLC helpline.

We prefer to hire law students who have some experience with issues relating to our mission. Thus, some familiarity with the disability rights movement is encouraged, along with a commitment to public interest law. We welcome applications from all current law students. Individuals with disabilities and other members of historically marginalized groups are especially encouraged to apply.

This is a volunteer position; summer law clerks are strongly encouraged to seek out and apply for grants from their school and/or other sources of funding.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and list of three references to: lawclerkapplications@drllcenter.org.

<https://thedrlc.org>

<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 & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program (P&A/CAP) for persons with disabilities in New York. As the P&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 jobs@DRNY.org.</p> <p>DRNY is accepting applications for Spring semester and Summer internships.</p>	<p>http://www.drny.org</p>
<p>Disability Rights Oregon (Portland, OR)</p>	<p>Disability Rights Oregon pushes communities to reshape how we set up our schools, workplaces, parks, places of business, and public systems to ensure that people with disabilities truly belong.</p> <p>Disability Rights Oregon is a non-profit advocacy organization. Our work is guided by the annual priorities set out by a Board of Directors, a Mental Health Advisory Council, and the disability community. Since 1977, we've gone into places that others can't. We shine a light on conditions in jails, prisons, hospitals, schools, and other facilities across the state. We fight to uphold the civil rights of Oregonians with disabilities regardless of where they live.</p>	<p>If interested, check: https://www.droregon.org/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities</p>	<p>https://droregon.org/</p>

<p>Disability Rights Texas (Austin, TX)</p>	<p>The Institutional Rights and Civil Liberties (IRCL) Team works to protect and advance the civil rights of Texans with disabilities and represents people with disabilities when their rights have been violated. Every citizen is guaranteed certain rights under the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution and other civil rights laws. The IRCL team seeks to ensure that people with disabilities are able to exercise these rights. IRCL provides access to information about civil rights, and advocates on behalf of our clients to protect their rights to fair treatment in jails and institutions, and the right live in the most integrated setting possible. The IRCL team casework includes: Investigating allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation of people with disabilities in jails, prisons, and institutions; Monitoring the use of restraint and seclusion to make sure that they are only used in compliance with laws, regulations, and best practices; Protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities who come into contact; Monitoring jails to make sure that persons with disabilities have reasonably safe conditions of confinement, including access to adequate medical care and rehabilitation service.</p>	<p>Disability Rights Texas encourages law clerk volunteers to join us in achieving the organization’s mission and vision. If you are interested in law clerk opportunities, please complete the form and include a cover letter and resume/CV.</p>	<p>https://www.disabilityri ghtstx.org/</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 (heatherm@dr-wa.org) by January 15.</p>	<p>http://www.disability rightswa.org/</p>

<p>East Bay Community Law Center (Berkeley, CA)</p>	<p>EBCLC is a nationally-recognized poverty law clinic founded by Berkeley Law students in 1988 with the dual mission of providing high quality legal services to low-income clients and first-rate clinical education to law students. During the summer session, EBCLC welcomes students from ALL law schools.</p> <p>In seven clinics within five broad programs areas, EBCLC staff and students take a multimodal approach to addressing the causes and conditions of poverty and inequality by providing legal education and outreach, brief services, full and holistic representation, and policy advocacy.</p> <p>The Clean Slate Practice of the East Bay Community Law Center uses strategic legal and policy tools to reduce pathways to the criminal justice system and remove barriers to employment and civic participation for people with conviction records.</p>	<p>Details about EBCLC's 2022 Summer Internship Program will become available in December 2021.</p> <p>For more information check: https://ebclc.org/students/summer-program/</p>	<p>https://ebclc.org/</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>The legal clerkship requires a ten-week commitment to work at EJI in Montgomery, Alabama. It is an unfunded internship. Note: EJI is uncertain about whether we will be able to host interns in the summer of 2022.</p>	<p>If you are a law student who is interested in interning at EJI, you are free to submit a cover letter and resume to Alison Mollman: amollman@eji.org. We will get back to you if we decide to move forward with an internship program, but please understand that EJI may not host interns next summer.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, contact Korbin Felder or Menna El-Sayed.</p>	<p>http://www.eji.org/</p>

FAMM
(Washington,
D.C.)

FAMM (formerly Families Against Mandatory Minimums) works nationwide to advocate for sentencing reform, improved prison conditions, and second chances.

Interns will work in FAMM's Office of the General Counsel assisting with the [CARES Act Home Confinement Clearinghouse](#), our [Second Look Sentencing](#) projects, and related tasks. Responsibilities will include tracking placed federal cases, analyzing release orders and denials, and other legal tasks as relevant. This position is remote and can be tailored to a student's availability. We ask for a minimum of 15 hours per week from law student interns. While this internship is uncompensated, FAMM is happy to work with applicants to secure funding from law schools or third party public interest sources.

Interested applicants should send a resume, writing sample, and cover letter to FAMM Law Clerk, Hawah Cyllah, at hcyllah@famm.org.

<https://famm.org/>

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 file to Erica Selig at eselig@floridajusticeinstitute.org, and specify which term (i.e., summer 2022, spring 2022) you're applying for and if you are available to work full or part time. Applications are accepted year-round on a rolling basis.

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

Florida Legal Services, Inc. – Florida Institutional Legal Services Project (Newberry, FL)

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.

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.

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 work@floridalegal.org with the headline “Summer Law Clerk.”

There is also an option to do remote work which does not require regular presence in either of the offices.

floridalegal.org

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. 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 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 sblavery@law.harvard.edu.</p> <p>Decision regarding the possibility of remote work still pending. Contact organization for updated information.</p>	<p>https://clinics.law.harvard.edu/plap/</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 Daniel Marshall, General Counsel & Litigation Director: dmarshall@humanrightsdefensecenter.org</p>	<p>https://www.humanrightsdefensecenter.org/</p>

Illinois Prison Project
(Chicago, IL)

At the Illinois Prison Project, we fight against regressive policies, racist practices, and a system that treats people as disposable with a mission focused on hope, compassion, and humanity.

Through advocacy, public education, and direct representation of thousands of needlessly incarcerated people, we bring hope to and fight in community with incarcerated people and their loved ones for a brighter, more humane, more just system for us all.

IPP is looking for a law clerk to focus on client representation. The law clerk will work directly with one or more incarcerated clients. The law clerk will communicate extensively with clients, travel to prisons in Illinois, prepare commutation or re-sentencing petitions on behalf of an individual client or clients, and work on release plans for individual clients. Law clerk positions are unpaid, though course credit may be available from your institution. Interns are asked to commit to 20 hours a week. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this can be a remote opportunity.

Submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample via email to illinoisprisonproject@gmail.com with "Law Clerk – Client Representation" in the subject line.

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

<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 legalintern@lambdalegal.org.</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>http://www.lambdalegal.org/</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.

All applications must be completed online. They do not accept paper submissions. For technical difficulties or questions regarding a posting, please email jobpostquestions@legal-aid.org.

Apply online through their online system:
<https://legalaidnyc.org/internships/>

The Law Reform Legal Internship includes work in the Special Litigation and Law Reform Unit of the Criminal Defense Practice (this includes the Prisoners’ Rights Project).

<https://legalaidnyc.org/internships/>

<p>The LAW Project (Los Angeles, CA)</p>	<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. sarah@lawprojectla.org</p> <p>Stephanie Sauter: T. 323-254-2504; E. ssauter@lawprojectla.org</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>	<p>https://www.lawprojectla.org</p>
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<p>Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>LSPC seeks law students and non-law students with a strong commitment to social justice and prison reform/abolition for its three internship terms throughout the year (Spring, Summer & Fall). Interns would assist with community organizing, law, policy and administrative support work. Applicants with experience and/or interest in any or all of the following areas are encouraged to apply. We also strongly encourage applications from individuals personally impacted by systems of mass incarceration. During summer sessions, interns are expected to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. For fall and spring sessions, we ask for a 16-hour per week minimum commitment.</p> <p>Ideal candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to racial, gender, and/or economic justice and strong research and writing skills. Writing samples of any kind, including excerpts, are accepted; please choose a piece that you feel highlights your writing and analytical skills and/or dedication to social justice.</p> <p>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 Oakland 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 tina@prisonerswithchildren.org.</p>	<p>http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/</p>
<p>Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General (Los Angeles, CA)</p>	<p>During the summer, our legal interns assist with all aspects of our work, and will have considerable client contact, under substantial supervision from attorney staff.</p>		<p>http://www.oig.lacity.org/</p>

Mississippi
Center for Justice
(Jackson, MS)

The Mississippi Center for Justice is preparing the next generation of attorneys to take up the fight for social justice. Volunteers play a core role in the Center's work in breaking down barriers to justice and connecting Mississippians to opportunities to build better lives. MCJ offers internships in its offices in Jackson, Indianola and Biloxi to college students and law students drawn to public interest work.

Interested students should email:
borlansky@mscenterforjustice.org

Impact Litigation Initiative works on Prison Conditions. Involved in *Waddell v. Taylor*, COVID-19 litigation against Mississippi Department of Corrections, and has also been involved in *State v. Curtis Flowers*.

Two current UCLA Law students have spent summers with MCJ before, Molly Gordon and Korbin Felder.

<https://mscenterforjustice.org>

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.

Apply online:

https://recruiting.myapps.paychex.com/appone/MainInfoReq?R_ID=3746716&B_ID=91&fid=1&Adid=0&ssbgcolor=5B5B5B&SearchScreenID=16356&CountryID=3&LanguageID=2

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.

<https://www.nclrights.org/about-us/jobs-opportunities/c-edwin-baker-clerkship/>

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

<p>National Lawyers Guild Prisoner Advocacy Network (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>The Prison Advocacy Network is a volunteer network of activists, attorneys, legal workers and law students providing free medical, legal and educational resources to incarcerated Californians, their loved ones, and other organizations in the prison law space.</p>	<p>PAN has several roles for volunteers and interns; if you're interested in joining our team please email: pan@nlgsf.org</p> <p>For general NLG internships please fill out the Intern Interest Form below and contact the NLG-SFBA at contact@nlgsf.org.</p> <p>Intern interest form: https://nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/intern-application</p>	<p>http://www.nlgsf.org/prisoner-advocacy-network</p>
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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

<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>http://www1.nyc.gov/site/boc/index.page</p>
<p>New York Civil Liberties Union (New York, NY)</p>	<p>Lead counsel on <i>Peoples v. Fischer</i>, 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>Second-year law students should apply as soon as possible. We will not review applications from first-year law students until January 3, 2022, first-year law students are encouraged to apply then.</p>	<p>Please send a cover letter describing why you are interested in a summer internship at the NYCLU, a resume, and a recent writing sample that is wholly your own unedited work (submit a brief, motion or memorandum of law, not to exceed 10 pages). Please upload your writing sample with your cover letter as one document via https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/728113/New-York-Civil-Liberties-Union-Foundation/Summer-2022-Law-Student-Internship.</p>	<p>http://www.nyclu.org</p>

North Carolina
Prisoner Legal
Services (Raleigh,
NC)

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.

Interested students should send a cover letter, resume and writing sample (5-10pages) to ncpls@ncpls.org.

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

<p>People’s Law Office (Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>Interns will participate in a wide range of litigation-related work and will be exposed to a progressive law office that has been committed to being “people’s lawyers” since 1969. Our attorneys and legal workers have successfully fought for the civil and human rights of people who have been wrongfully convicted, falsely arrested and subjected to excessive force and torture at the hands of law enforcement officials and prosecutors. The office has also steadfastly represented political activists and individuals who have been targeted by government officials because of their political views or organizing work.</p> <p>The program is open to law students. Candidates should demonstrate experience in and/or commitment to social justice, organizing and/or social movements.</p>	<p>People’s Law Office is accepting applications for our summer internship and educational program, which focuses on civil rights litigation rooted in social justice and radical legal work.</p> <p>To apply please send a resume, cover letter and writing sample to plo[at]peopleslawoffice.com.</p>	<p>https://peopleslawoffice.com</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. (amorgan-kurtz@pailp.org) and Matthew Feldman (mfeldman@pailp.org).</p>	<p>http://www.pailp.org/</p>

Post Conviction
Assistance Center
(Los Angeles, CA)

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.

Contact: pcac@pcaclaw.org.

<http://www.pcaclaw.org/about.html>

<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>The Prison Law Office invites applications from current law students to intern with us during the summer of 2022. We prefer rising third year students, but will consider exceptional rising second year students.</p> <p>To apply, email jobs@prisonlaw.com with the subject line “2022 Summer Intern Application” and the following items combined as one PDF: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) list of references, and (4) legal writing sample.</p> <p>If you would like to talk to a UCLA Law student who has worked here, please contact Heaven Strouse.</p>	<p>http://www.prisonlaw.com/</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 former UCLA Law student who has worked at Prisoner Reentry Network, please let us know and we will connect you.</p>	<p>http://www.prisonreentrynetwork.org/</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 cover letter, resume, references, and a writing sample as well as any particulars (when you want to intern, how many hours per week, for credit or on your own etc.) to Kristyn Henry at khenry@plsma.org.

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

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (Multiple Offices, NY)

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.

Interested students can also e-mail Patti Kane, Administrative Assistant, at pkane@plsny.org and include a cover letter, resume and three references. You may also call Ms. Kane at 518-445-6050.

<http://plsny.org/>

<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>Please apply with a cover letter, resume, short writing sample, and two references to Rebecca Ramaswamy at: pjiinternship@defendla.org. Applications are processed on a rolling basis.</p>	<p>http://justicespromise.org/</p>
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<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>The PDS Legal Clerkship Program allows law students to assist attorneys in all aspects of case preparation. PDS offers approximately 25 law clerk positions each semester and summer.</p> <p>Responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform legal and case-preparation research • Draft motions • Interview incarcerated and institutionalized clients • Represent juveniles and adults in institutional disciplinary hearings • Respond to inmate letter requests for legal assistance • Prepare pre-trial motions • Attend trial, parole hearings, and appellate arguments <p>We strongly prefer second and third-year law students, although those first-year students with relevant pre-law experience are encouraged to apply. During the summer we host a weeklong substantive training class as well as a trial advocacy skills building series taught by experienced trial attorneys.</p> <p>PDS no longer accepts split summers, and requires that all law clerks commit to the full 10-week program. Law clerkships must be 40 hours per week during the summer and at least 15 hours per week during the academic year.</p>	<p>We are now accepting applications from 2Ls for our summer law clerk program in the Civil Legal Services Division (general practice, immigration or special education), Juvenile Services and Parole. Consolidate your cover letter, resume, names and contact information for two references, a legal writing sample and transcript and upload pdf where indicated under the 'apply' button. You may only choose one division in the application menu but if you are interested in multiple divisions please indicate so and rank those divisions in your cover letter.</p> <p>Questions? Contact Jennifer Thomas at (202) 480-0385 or jenthomas@pdsdc.org</p> <p>Apply online by Dec. 24: https://lawcruit.micronapps.com/sup/ApplicationForm.aspx?lawfirm=168&id=18</p>	<p>https://www.pdsdc.org/careers/job-opportunities/job-opportunity-listing/pds-summer-law-clerk</p>
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Rhode Island
Center for Justice
(Providence, RI)

The RI Center for Justice is a non-profit public interest law center based in Providence. Our areas of focus are tenant rights, criminal justice and prisoners' rights, disparities in education access, and protecting low-income utility consumers. Undergraduate and law student interns in our criminal justice practice can choose to be involved in any of our work, including federal court litigation on conditions of confinement (client interviewing, legal research, and discovery review); legislative advocacy, particularly on ending solitary confinement; advocacy to end court debt; and general support to community partners. The Center also launched a Queer Justice Project in the fall of 2021 to support and advocate for currently and formerly incarcerated LGBTQ community members.

Interested students should email:
Natalia
Friedlander, nfriedlander@centerforjustice.org

<https://centerforjustice.org/>

Rights Behind Bars
(Washington, DC)

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.

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.

Students interested in this opportunity should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, writing sample, and two references to amaris@rightsbehindbars.org Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Location in Washington, D.C. is preferable but working remotely from elsewhere may be possible.

We strongly encourage students to apply who are people of color, identify as LGBTQ, have disabilities, are from low-income backgrounds, are first-generation students, and/or do not attend elite law schools. We will work with applicants to secure funding, either through law school programs or other third parties that provide public interest funding. For students who cannot get funding, Rights Behind Bars may be able to provide a limited stipend.

www.rightsbehindbars.org

<p>Root & Rebound (Oakland, CA)</p>	<p>R&R is a national reentry advocacy organization that provides know-your-rights education, direct legal services, policy reform, and impact litigation to support formerly incarcerated people and people with convictions to navigate barriers to employment, housing, family reunification, obtaining ID, voting rights, financial stability, and more due to their record. Our mission is to restore power and resources to the families and communities most harmed by mass incarceration through legal advocacy, public education, policy reform, and litigation — a model rooted in the needs and expertise of people who are directly impacted.</p> <p>As a law clerk at R&R, students have the unique opportunity to work holistically on the issues of “reentry law”—directly supporting individuals who are navigating the 48,000 documented legal barriers related to their criminal record. Unlike most legal externships, law students clerking at R&R learn about many areas of law— employment, civil rights, parole and probation, family, housing, immigration, and many other substantive areas of legal practice as they impact justice-involved people.</p> <p>Currently all positions are remote.</p> <p>Decisions will be made on a rolling basis.</p>	<p>Please indicate in the cover letter which of the programs you are applying for:</p> <p>DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES (2 options) or LEGISLATIVE POLICY:</p> <p><u>Application Instructions:</u> To apply for a position, please send the following materials to Eva DeLair at edelair@rootandrebounce.org:</p> <p>Resume; Cover letter (<i>please indicate for which project(s) you are interested in</i>); Short sample of legal writing (4 pages max.); and At least 2 references with contact information and a description of how they know you.</p> <p>For a UCLA Law Student who recently worked here, please contact Kaila Johnson.</p>	<p>https://www.rootandrebounce.org/jobs/root-rebound-seeks-remote-law-clerks-to-support-our-work-in-california/</p>
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<p>Root & Rebound (Greenville, SC)</p>	<p>R&R is a national reentry advocacy organization that restores and protects the rights, dignity, and opportunities of people directly impacted by the criminal justice system. Our mission is to restore power and resources to the families and communities most harmed by mass incarceration through legal advocacy, public education, policy reform, and litigation — a model rooted in the needs and expertise of people who are directly impacted.</p> <p>Root & Rebound seeks in-person Law Clerks to support our work <i>in Greenville, South Carolina</i>. R&R's Greenville, <u>South Carolina</u> office is a statewide legal advocacy hub embedded within Soteria Community Development Corporation, a unique social-legal advocacy partnership focused on expanding second chance opportunities and direct reentry legal services locally in Greenville and statewide in South Carolina. Direct client services clerks in the Greenville office:</p> <p>Work closely with a number of system-impacted clients from all over South Carolina; Perform client intakes and follow-up from community clinics (which will likely be virtual clinics this fall); Conduct legal research related to client issues and policy initiatives, including but not limited to, topics related to child support and custody, jail conditions, homeless courts, employment, and housing issues; and Draft family court complaints, and other legal documents.</p>	<p>To apply for this position, please send the following materials to Ana Walker at awalker@rootandrebounce.org: Resume; Cover letter; Short sample of legal writing (4 pages max.); and At least 2 references with contact information and a description of how they know you.</p> <p>Decisions will be made on a rolling basis.</p>	<p>https://www.rootandrebounce.org/jobs/root-rebound-seeks-law-clerks-to-support-our-work-in-south-carolina/</p>
<p>Roderick & 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>Check for openings here:</p>	<p>http://www.law.northwestern.edu/legalclinic/macarthur/</p>

Trial Litigation Program of the Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center (Chicago, IL)

RSMJC is accepting applications from law students for summer trial-level internships in its Chicago office. Internships will be conducted in person 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. 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.

- Cases include:
 - Systemic challenges to pretrial detention practices, including the unlawful use of electronic monitoring;
- Wrongful conviction damages suits focusing on police and prosecutorial misconduct and constitutional violations;
- Prisoner rights suits, addressing denial of mental health care, challenges to solitary confinement and sexual abuse and harassment, LGBTQI rights, and ICE/immigration detention;
- Excessive force litigation, particularly police shootings, focusing on issues of Fourth Amendment liability and qualified immunity;
- Parole revocation reform, seeking due process protections and appointment of counsel in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Students interested in either opportunity should submit **a cover letter, resume, a list of references and a writing sample**. 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 6, 2022**. We strongly encourage interested applicants to apply as soon as possible. Compensation may be available for students who do not receive summer funding from their law schools.

Apply:
https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=e846753e-43ba-483b-be12-943b5c92b08a&ccId=19000101000001&lang=en_US

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

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.	http://neworleans.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html
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.”	They generally only take clinic students from University of Mississippi Law but can reach out to Jake Howard for more information: jake.howard@macarthurjustice.org	http://umlaw.macarthurjusticecenter.org/index.html
Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center at St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)	Litigates health and safety issues in MO jails and prisons, as well as parole advocacy and reform and wrongful convictions representation.	Select state office and submit message: https://www.macarthurjustice.org/contact/?office-select=Missouri	http://www.macarthurjustice.org/missouri/

<p>Supreme Court & Appellate Program of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center (Washington, D.C.; Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>The Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center (MJC) is one of the nation’s premier civil rights organizations and champions criminal legal system reform through litigation, in areas that include police misconduct, prisoners’ rights, and the rights of the accused. 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 have the opportunity to make a substantial contribution to the 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). Examples of issues raised in MJC appeals include: Issues facing incarcerated people who cannot afford counsel, including access to courts; constitutional challenges to the use of solitary confinement in the prison system; issues related to police violence and qualified immunity; 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).</p>	<p>Apply here. Internship opportunities are available in both Chicago, IL, and Washington, DC. The internship experience in each office is substantively identical, and interns are encouraged to work with appellate attorneys in both offices, regardless of where they are based. Applications from second- and third-year law students are due November 24, 2021. Applications from first-year law students are due December 8, 2021. Compensation may be available for students who do not receive summer funding from their law schools.</p>	<p>macarthurjustice.org</p>
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<p>Rutgers Law School Criminal & Youth Justice Clinic Summer Internship (Camden/Newark, New Jersey)</p>	<p>The Criminal & 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 kate.finley@rutgers.edu.</p>	<p>https://law.rutgers.edu/criminal-youth-justice-clinicsplc</p>
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Solitary Watch
(Washington,
D.C.)

Solitary Watch is a nonprofit national watchdog group that investigates, documents, and disseminates information on the widespread use of solitary confinement in U.S. prisons and jails. As the only site dedicated solely to solitary confinement across the United States, our mission is to provide the public—as well as practicing attorneys, legal scholars, law enforcement and corrections officers, policymakers, educators, advocates, people in prison and their families—with the first centralized source of unfolding news, original reporting, firsthand accounts, background research, and advocacy tools on this vital domestic human rights issue, in order to bring about awareness, debate, and change.

Solitary Watch offers interns an opportunity to gain reporting, research, and outreach skills while working on an important domestic human rights issue. Especially encouraged to apply are individuals with a background or interest in journalism, law, and/or criminal justice; those interested in utilizing media to advance social justice; and formerly incarcerated individuals and others directly impacted by the criminal justice system.

<https://solitarywatch.org/>

Please email as one Word or PDF document a cover letter stating why you are interested in this internship, your resume, one writing sample of no more than 10 pages (shorter is preferred), and contact information for one reference to Sara Rain Tree at sraintree@solitarywatch.org. Put in the subject line of your email and name your document [Last Name] Spring 2022 Internship Application.

Deadline for submitting applications for Spring 2022 internships is December 1, 2021.

Southern Center for Human Rights (Atlanta, GA)	<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 or Aaron Littman, who spent some time here before coming to UCLA. You can also contact Menna El-Sayed, a former UCLA Law student who spent a summer here.</p>	<p>https://www.schr.org/about/internships</p>
Southern Poverty Law Center (Jackson, New Orleans, Miami, Montgomery)	<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>Search for state office openings here: https://www.splcenter.org/about/careers/jobs</p> <p>For a UCLA Law Student that has worked here before, please contact Jenna Finkle.</p>	<p>https://www.splcenter.org/</p>

Still She Rises
(Tulsa, OK)

Still She Rises, Inc. (SSR) provides free legal representation to pregnant women, women with children, or women who are child caregivers and have been brought into the criminal, child welfare, and housing legal systems. Still She Rises seeks to employ highly motivated individuals with a commitment to indigent defense. Founded in North Tulsa, Still She Rises offers client-centered, innovative, and holistic legal representation. We honor the dignity of the women we serve by championing our clients' individual goals while also targeting systemic issues impacting the larger community.

Over a period of 10 weeks, interns at Still She Rises, Inc. will both receive intensive training in various legal disciplines and play an integral role in the provision of holistic representation to our clients. Interns will receive training about the holistic defense model from practitioners across different disciplines, participate in trial skills training, and have close, ongoing supervision from our senior attorneys and advocates.

Interns will have the opportunity to work across legal disciplines as part of our holistic team, but can specify their primary interest in criminal defense, family defense or civil generalist practice.

To apply, please click go to www.stillsheises.org and click the Careers tab and upload a cover letter and resume in one document when prompted. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and applicants are encouraged to apply early. If you have any questions, please email internships@stillsheises.org.

www.stillsheises.org

<p>Sylvia Rivera Law Project (New York, NY)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. People of color, trans people, gender non-conforming people and people with intersex conditions are strongly encouraged to apply.</p>	<p>To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to kimberly@srlp.org. Applicants must have a commitment to working towards self-determination for gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence as Must be willing to work individually and, in a team, setting. Internships are 15-20 hours/week during the summer and usually last twelve weeks. Internships are unpaid. Please indicate hours of availability and date available to start in the cover letter.</p>	<p>https://srlp.org/about/legal-services/prisoner-justice-project/</p>
<p>Texas Civil Rights Project (Multiple Locations, TX)</p>	<p>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).</p>	<p>If interested, please send resume, cover, writing sample, and two references to CJR's paralegal, Chris Rivera, atchristopher@texascivilrightsproject.org and please copy Megan Garcia at megan@texascivilrightsproject.org.</p>	<p>https://txcivilrights.org</p>

<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 dannyw@dr-wa.org to check on availability of internship positions and instructions for applying.</p>	<p>https://www.disabilityrightswa.org/program/avid/</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 hscooper@ucdavis.edu.</p>	<p>https://law.ucdavis.edu/</p>

<p>UnCommon Law (Oakland, CA)</p>	<p>UnCommon Law fights to ensure that all people incarcerated for violent crime have access to healing, justice, and effective legal representation.</p> <p>Through our unique, trauma-informed model of advocacy, we provide the space currently missing in the system for healing, accountability, and safe pathways home from prison. In developing new self-narratives, the people we serve are able to more effectively disrupt violence inside and outside prison and become leaders who change negative societal narratives about those incarcerated for violent crime. Our groundbreaking approach is changing policy and outcomes, driven by the voices and experiences of system-impacted communities.</p> <p>Executive Director, Keith Wattley is widely recognized as the leading lawyer representing California lifers in parole hearings.</p>	<p>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 current UCLA law student who interned here: Chloe Smith</p> <p>Please submit a resume and a cover letter describing your interest and relevant experience for the role, along with contact information for two professional references to our hiring portal (https://uncommonlaw.bamboohr.com/jobs/).</p> <p>Applications will be accepted beginning immediately until February 1, 2022, and will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Interviews and law clerk offers will be complete by no later than February 7, 2022.</p>	<p>http://uncommonlaw.org/</p>
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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.

Interested students should submit a resume, brief writing sample (no more than 10 pages of your own work), transcript (unofficial is acceptable), references, and a cover letter highlighting your qualifications, as well as, your interest and experience in the work of the Division and the Section(s) to which you are applying, and indicating the dates/time period you are available to work. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, and positions, particularly for summer interns, may be filled before the deadlines indicated. Applicants are encouraged to apply early in the process. If space remains after the deadlines indicated, the website will be updated to indicate which sections still have openings available.

Summer Interns: Applications from 2Ls will be considered from October 15 through March 1 (and from 1Ls from December 1 through March 1).

Applications must be emailed to crt.volunteervacancies-SPL@usdoj.gov

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/spl/>

<p>Uptown People’s Law Center (Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>One or two positions available and interested students should e-mail uplcchicago@gmail.com. Prefers 2Ls, but will accept applications from 1Ls.</p>	<p>www.uplcchicago.org</p>
<p>Vermont Office of the Defender General – Prisoners’ Rights Office (Montpelier, VT)</p>	<p>The Prisoners' Rights Office (PRO) litigates a wide variety of civil, criminal and administrative cases, working to protect the constitutional rights of prisoners in such areas as unlawful convictions, medical care, and parole violations. The PRO internship offers experience in developing research and writing skills, drafting complaints and motions, making courtroom/parole board presentations, investigating cases, performing client outreach at the prisons, and assisting with legislative advocacy. PRO has the flexibility to tailor the internship to the needs of the intern. This is a fast-paced, challenging office; common sense and a sense of humor are a must.</p>	<p>Contact: Jill Paul Martin, PRO Attorney (Jill.Martin@vermont.gov).</p>	<p>http://defgen.vermont.gov/staff/central/prisoners-rights</p>

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.

Law students assist staff attorneys in all aspects of our work. 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:

-Creating equal opportunity to economic stability for individuals and families.

-Challenging the conditions that force racial and economic segregation and that limit options for safe, decent and affordable housing based on race and national origin.

-Reducing barriers to public services and public accommodations.

-Creating equal opportunity for an education.

-Advocating on behalf of DC prisoners and reducing the impact of an unfair criminal system.

Work assignments will typically involve factual and legal research, drafting memos or pleadings, and other work supporting our litigation and advocacy agenda, as well as participating in case/issue area check-ins and strategy sessions. Full semester, part-time (15 hours/week minimum), and summer internships are available.

Applications must include the following, combined in one PDF document:

Cover letter explaining your interest in the internship, your experience with/commitment to social justice, and your anticipated dates of availability; Current resume; Brief writing sample; List of references; Current transcript (unofficial is fine); Email subject should specify Law or Undergrad, and Fall/Spring/Summer internship. Applications should be sent to: wlcjobs@washlaw.org.

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

Law Firms	Description	Contact	Website
Hadsell Stormer, Renick & Dai , 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.	Interested applicants should submit their resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Jessica Valdenegro at jessicav@hadsellstormer.com (preferably as one combined PDF attachment) referencing “Summer 2022 Law Clerk Position” in the subject line. The ideal candidate will possess a demonstrated commitment to work in public interest law, have strong research and writing skills, and will be in his or her second year of law school. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through Friday, November 19, 2021, or until the law clerk positions are filled.	http://www.hadsellstormer.com/

<p>The Hill Law Firm (Los Angeles, CA)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Please send applications to Tasha Hill at tasha@hillcivilrights.com, 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).</p>	<p>https://www.hillcivilrights.com</p>
<p>Johnson & Klein, PLLC (Boulder, CO)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Contact gjohnson@johnsonklein.com. Interested applicants should please send a cover letter, resume, list of references, law school transcript, and two writing samples.</p> <p>Remote work is a likely possibility, please contact us for updated information.</p>	<p>www.johnsonklein.com</p>

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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 / sarah@loevy.com / 312.243.5900

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<p>Rosen, Bien, Galvan and Grunfeld (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>Rosen Bien Galvan & 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 Kira Hansen: khansen@rbgg.com. Include all of the following: a cover letter (this can be addressed to Gay Grunfeld), resume, two writing samples, two or more references (including email and telephone number), and law school transcript. Summer law clerk hiring occurs in the late Summer to early Fall, so hiring for Summer 2022 is closed now but interested students can reach out to Kira Hansen to apply early for Summer 2023.</p> <p><i>Note: 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>https://rbgg.com/practice-areas/civil-rights-civil-liberties/</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: lisi@pjcolorado.com</p>	

<p>Stoll, Glickman & Bellina, LLP (Brooklyn, NY)</p>	<p>We have four practice areas: civil rights, employment law, criminal defense and election law. We also have extensive experience with appeals and juvenile crimes.</p> <p>In our practice, “Civil Rights” refers to the rights you have as a citizen, under the United States Constitution or the New York State Constitution, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into your life. This means that our focus is on police misconduct and corrections misconduct: SGB has made thousands of claims against the NYPD and other municipal police, Rikers COs and NYS DoCCS for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>False Arrest</u> • <u>Excessive Force (“Police Brutality“)</u>, • <u>Illegal Search and Seizure</u>, • Stop and Frisk, • Wrongful Convictions, • Malicious Prosecution, • Cruel and Unusual Punishment of Inmates and Detainees, • and other areas in which your constitutional rights may be violated. 	<p>Email: info@stollglickman.com</p>	<p>http://www.stollglickman.com/</p>
<p>Solo Practitioners</p>	<p>Description <small>(Note: Students with Solo Practitioners internships may potentially be ineligible to receive Public Interest Summer Funding)</small></p>	<p>Contact</p>	<p>Website</p>
<p>John Adcock (New Orleans, LA)</p>		<p>If you would like to speak with a UCLA Law student that worked at this office please contact: Rachel Hudson.</p>	
<p>Gregory Belzley (Prospect, KY)</p>			

Howard Friedman (Boston, MA)			http://www.civil-rights-law.com/
Caitlin Henry (Oakland, CA)			https://caitlinkellyhenry.com/
Deborah Labelle (Ann Arbor, MI)		221 North Main Street Suite 300 Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Phone: 734-996-5620	
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.	MarianneSawicki@verizon.net
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 compensation for a 2L.	stacy@schefflaw.com
Lynn Walsh (Portland, OR)			