

Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles

2024 LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



10-WEEK PRO-BONO SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: (5/18/24 – 7/25/24)

Attention all law students who are passionate about social justice advocacy and public interest! Join Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles (CLA-LA) for an internship experience like no other. Our full-time (30 hours a week) summer internship program is an incredible opportunity to gain substantive training and hands-on experience with clients beyond research and writing tasks. You will participate in virtual meetings three days a week and attend in-person meetings or field trips in Los Angeles once a week.

Why Intern at CLA-LA?

Our interns, under the direction of volunteer attorneys, help our clients with legal issues such as expungement, family law, housing, immigration, small business, bankruptcy, employment law, small claims, and wills/probate.

- You will be trained in the skills of a "can-do" attorney.
- You will learn the fundamentals of team building, interviewing clients, communicating with supervising attorneys, and serving self-represented litigants in our legal clinics,
- You will work under an experienced attorney mentor in an area of law of your own choosing and explore how being a Christ-follower influences an attorney's practice of law.
- Interns will take field trips to learn about the barriers to justice in our society and visit local judges and lawyers.
- They learn about running a faith-based non-profit, including partnership building with other charity partners and the business of operating a law firm.
- You will learn and advocate for the diverse legal needs of communities affected by systemic and structural inequities, particularly in Los Angeles County.
- Under the supervision of volunteer attorneys, legal interns will engage in our public interest work in several ways, including writing policy papers and other legal memoranda, participating in outreach and education, and engaging in other tasks that further CLA-LA's operations.

Requirements and Qualifications

To qualify for this opportunity, you must demonstrate a passion for CLA-LA's vision to provide free legal advice to low-income clients. Prior experience in working with non-profit organizations, low-income communities, and/or direct client services is preferred. Humility and open-mindedness in working with colleagues and clients across the spectrum of diversity is expected. You must be committed to complying with all California Rules of Professional Conduct, and with all CLA-LA's organizational standards, policies, and practices. You must have a current proficiency in the use of technological equipment necessary to complete supervising attorney and class assignments. On-site attendance at least one day per week in person or as needed to serve clients is preferred. Current law school enrollment is required.

Compensation and Benefits

This is a Pro-Bono/volunteer internship opportunity. CLA-LA does not offer any remuneration or paid benefits to summer interns.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference in your community and gain valuable experience! To apply email your cover letter and resume to info@cla-la.org. For further information about our organization, please visit our website at CLA-LA.org. Have questions please email info@cla-la.org or call Ellen Reinig at (714) 366-0635.