

Solicitation for Fall, Summer, and Spring Semester Internship Applicants

Equal Justice Under Law is an innovative and progressive non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., seeking systemic change through litigation across the country. Our mission is to end wealth-based inequality in the criminal justice system; we combine impact litigation with outreach and communications in pursuit of this goal. Interns work closely with the organization's lawyers to research legal doctrine and craft legal theories and briefs.

Founded in 2014, much of our work has focused on civil rights litigation on behalf of indigent criminal defendants, including landmark cases challenging the rise of modern debtors' prisons, the American money bail system, wealth-based suspensions of driver's license, poverty-based home banishment, and privatized probation abuses. For a sampling of our current cases and recent successes, see our website: http://equaljusticeunderlaw.org/cases/.

Job Description

An internship at Equal Justice Under Law is a unique experience and bestows an incredibly high degree of responsibility on interns. Interns often research caselaw, develop legal analysis, draft memos, and draft briefs. Occasionally, interns interview clients, witnesses, or potential clients. Interns are also invited to observe court proceedings where possible (especially if done by telephonic appearance).

Supervisors at Equal Justice Under Law make a special effort to ensure that interns have a fulfilling experience and interesting assignments. We have brown-bag lunches with interns most weeks and put an emphasis on providing meeting feedback, training, and mentorship. The goal is for interns to produce at least one substantive written project suitable for a writing sample.

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Equal Justice Under Law is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. We accept internships during the summer and during the academic year and require a ten-week commitment.

Attorneys and interns at Equal Justice Under Law possess a profound commitment to serving social justice, fighting inequality, and opposing abuses of power. Innovative thinking is perhaps the most important qualification, as well as the ability to work independently and with great responsibility.

Application Requirements

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Students should provide a cover letter, resume, and writing sample. Equal Justice Under Law does not offer funding for interns.