

**American Civil Liberties Union
Summer Legal Internship 2010
Racial Justice Program
New York, NY**

The **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)*** is a nonpartisan organization founded in 1920, with more than 5 national offices and over 50 affiliates throughout the country, it is widely regarded as one of the nation's premier public interest law firms. The **Racial Justice Program (RJP)** of the ACLU seeks highly motivated law students for **Internship Opportunities for the summer of 2010**.

The Racial Justice Program aims to preserve and extend constitutional and other rights to segments of the population that historically have been denied their rights on the basis of race, ethnicity or national origin. Interns will work with an experienced team of racial justice attorneys in the ACLU's National Office in New York City on a broad range of issues from across the country, particularly in the areas of criminal justice and education.

In the area of criminal justice, RJP is dedicated to reducing the unwarranted targeting of people of color and the racially disproportionate imposition of incarceration. We have filed civil challenges to the inadequate provision of counsel to adult and juvenile indigent defendants, and sought to halt pre- and post-9/11 racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.

In the area of education, we seek to ensure that all children have access to quality education, regardless of race or ethnicity. We have undertaken advocacy, including public education and community organizing, against the school-to-prison pipeline. We have sought to promote school desegregation and affirmative action programs. RJP also has advocated before international human rights bodies on behalf of formerly incarcerated people and people displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

A commitment of 10 - 12 weeks is required.

Interns will assist in all aspects of litigation, including legal research, factual investigation, and the drafting of memoranda, affidavits, and briefs.

Students are highly encouraged to seek Public Interest Fellowship funds for the internship. Arrangements can also be made with the student's law school for work-study stipends. Summer interns who do not secure funding will be eligible for a stipend provided by the project.

EXPERIENCE & QUALIFICATIONS

First and second-year law students are encouraged to apply. Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to racial justice issues, civil rights, and civil liberties. They should be self-motivated, articulate and capable of performing complex legal analytical work. Excellent legal research and writing skills are essential. Experience conducting factual research is also beneficial.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should include a cover letter; a resume; two letters of recommendation; and a writing sample. Please send materials to mplater@aclu.org with the subject heading, Re: RJP Legal Internship Summer 2010 OR mail to:

Marika Plater
Internship Coordinator
RE: Summer Internship Program 2010
Racial Justice Program
125 Broad Street , 18th Floor
New York , NY 10004

Applications should be postmarked no later than November 30, 2009, for 2Ls, and no later than January 15, 2010, for 1Ls. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and candidates are encouraged to apply early.

Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this job posting.

The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals.

*The ACLU comprises two separate corporate entities, The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation. Both the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation are national organizations with the same overall mission, and share office space and employees. The ACLU has two separate corporate entities in order to do a broad range of work to protect civil liberties. This job posting refers collectively to the two organizations under the name "ACLU."

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