

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT, NY

2010 SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIP

America's foremost advocate of individual rights, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is a non-partisan organization founded in 1920. With more than 5 National offices and with 50 affiliates throughout the country, it is widely regarded as one of the nation's premier public interest law firms. The Women's Rights Project of the ACLU invites law students who have completed their second year to apply for legal internships for the **Summer of 2010**.

Founded in 1972 by Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Women's Rights Project (WRP) has been a leader in the legal battles to ensure women's full equality in American society. WRP is dedicated to the advancement of the rights and interests of women, with a particular focus on low-income women, women of color, and immigrant women - those who historically have been the most deeply victimized by gender bias and face the most pervasive barriers to equality today.

WRP focuses on four core priority areas: employment (including the rights of low-wage immigrant women workers, trafficking victims, women with criminal convictions, women in non-traditional employment, and welfare recipients), violence against women (including battered women's rights to be free from discrimination in housing, employment, and government services), criminal and juvenile justice issues affecting women and girls (including the impact of drug laws on women and families, as well as the rights of girls in juvenile detention), and education (including single sex education and sexual assault in schools). Cutting across these core priorities, WRP seeks to bring an international human rights framework to our litigation and advocacy. Through litigation, community outreach, advocacy, and public education, WRP pushes for change and systemic reform in those institutions that perpetuate discrimination against women.

The Women's Rights Project has overall responsibility for implementing ACLU policy in the area of gender discrimination. WRP conducts direct litigation, files *amicus curiae* briefs, provides support for ACLU affiliate litigation, serves as a resource for ACLU legislative work on women's rights and seeks to advance ACLU policy goals through public education, organizing and coalition advocacy. WRP has been an active participant in virtually all of the major gender discrimination litigation in the Supreme Court, in Congressional and public education efforts to remedy gender discrimination and other endeavors on behalf of women.

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW:

The internship is open to all students who have completed their first year of law school. 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.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Legal interns will work on a wide variety of issues. Working closely with WRP staff, interns will assist in all aspects of litigation including: conducting legal research, factual investigation, drafting of memoranda, affidavits, and briefs. Legal interns may also assist WRP staff in providing assistance to ACLU affiliates, private attorneys, and others who seek our assistance; screening potential cases; and researching or drafting materials for public education.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Second year of law school must be completed before beginning the internship.
- Strong, research and communication skills, written & verbal.
- Demonstrated initiative to see projects through to completion.
- Strong interest in social justice and legal issues.
- Commitment to civil liberties.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants should send a letter of interest, a resume, the names and telephone numbers of three references (including at least one law professor and one former legal employer, if applicable), an unofficial transcript, and a legal writing sample of no more than ten pages to Eliza Reshefsky, ereshefsky@aclu.org, RE: WRP Summer Legal Internship in the subject line of the email or via regular mail to:

Summer Legal Internship Hiring Committee
ACLU Women's Rights Project
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004-2400

The suggested deadline for applications from second-year law students has been extended to **March 15, 2010**. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. *Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this job posting.*

The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and lesbians and gay men to apply.

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."

PLEASE CONTACT AICH/WIA PROGRAM (212-598-0100, ext 221) FOR JOB-SEARCH ASSISTANCE!

(Customers must be Native American and meet WIA program eligibility requirements in order to receive transportation assistance, clothing allowance, cash incentives once employed, child care assistance, etc., etc..)

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