

Law Student Internships: Housing Law, Domestic Violence and Family Law, Public Benefits, Consumer Law, Appellate Advocacy

The Legal Aid Society has academic year (Fall and Spring semester) and summer internship opportunities for law students.

Law student interns assist Legal Aid attorneys in representing individuals and families in adversarial proceedings in D.C. Superior Court and before a variety of public agencies. Interns are given substantial responsibility and engage in legal research and writing and extensive factual investigation of cases. Typical assignments include drafting legal memoranda, pleadings and correspondence, conducting client and witness interviews, retrieving and reviewing government agency files, and analyzing documents. Interns have the opportunity to interact with clients and may attend client meetings, hearings, trials and/or administrative hearings. Interns also are responsible for administrative duties.

Legal Aid is divided into largely independent units focusing on housing/landlord-tenant law, domestic violence/family law, public benefits, consumer law, and appellate advocacy. (Please note that appellate advocacy internships are not available during the academic year.) Law student interns will be assigned to one of Legal Aid's units. ***Accordingly, internship applicants should express in their cover letter a preference for which substantive unit or units most interest them.***

Summer interns are expected to work full time for a minimum of 10 weeks. Academic year interns are expected to work at least 12 hours per week, to be arranged according to their schedules.