



For economic and racial justice

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Job Announcement: November 1, 2019

Position Title: Summer 2020 Legal Intern

Reports to: Advocacy Team

Location: Chicago, IL

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law fights for economic and racial justice. Over the past 50 years, we have secured hundreds of law and policy victories with and for people experiencing economic instability in Illinois and across the country.

Everything we do is powered by communities most affected by poverty. We litigate, shape local policy, and train and convene multi-state networks of lawyers, community leaders, and activists to advance opportunity for all—not just the few.

Our country is rife with laws and policies that systematically disadvantage certain groups while advantaging others based on their race, gender, and other facets of their identities. We believe laws and policies—and the institutions that apply them—should be designed to support people. Together, we're turning this ideal into reality.

We are building a future where all people, families, and future generations have equal dignity, respect, and power under the law. Join the fight at povertylaw.org.

Position Overview: Interns support the Advocacy team and should expect to receive assignments in any of our major focus areas – healthcare, housing, economic, and community justice – although occasional efforts may be made to allow interns to take on assignments in areas of their particular interest. Both lawyers and policy professionals supervise interns.

Responsibilities:

- Provide legal research and writing in support of ongoing litigation efforts.
- Complete policy research assignments.
- Attend community meetings and events.

Qualifications:

- Currently attending law school.
- Excellent oral/written communication skills.
- Dedicated, independent, and detail-oriented.
- Experience working with racially and economically diverse communities.
- Demonstrated commitment to the Shriver Center on Poverty Law's mission, vision, and values.

Salary/Benefits: Internship positions are unpaid, but the Shriver Center on Poverty Law regularly works with students and law schools to assist students in obtaining outside funding or course credit if they wish. All interns must receive either outside funding, course credit, or both in order to work at the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. Summer interns may work on a full-time basis (35 hours per week) or on a part-time basis (working no less than 15 hours per week and no more than 35 hours per week).

Opening/Closing Date: All application materials will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The Intern Hiring Committee will consider all applications immediately after applications are received.

Applications: Send cover letter, resume, writing sample, and references to the Intern Hiring Committee at hr@povertylaw.org.

At the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, we know that a richly diverse mix of professionals makes organizations more effective. As such, we make demographic and experiential diversity a hallmark and priority of all our work.