

For economic and racial justice

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Position Title: Summer 2021 Legal Intern, Economic Justice Team **Reports to:** Director of Economic Justice **Location:** remote

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 <u>povertylaw.org</u>.

Position Overview: This intern will work with the Shriver Center's Economic Justice team, which focuses on changing systems to ensure that workers receive good wages and strong supports such as paid sick leave and family/medical leave, as well as have the ability to access public benefits that help families thrive. We also help protect worker health and safety and fight discrimination. In addition, the team promotes state budget and tax policies that benefit the lowest income taxpayers and provide sufficient funding for the programs we champion.

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: \$2,500, with taxes withheld as appropriate. Interns are strongly encouraged to seek additional funding elsewhere or course credit.

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, and writing sample to the intern hiring committee at jeremyrosen@povertylaw.org.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Shriver Center employees have been encouraged to work remotely from home. At this time, we ask that interns be able to do the same.

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.