

# NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

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## Legal Internship

### **Internship Description:**

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty is accepting applications for its internship and externship program. The Law Center, a private non-profit in Washington D.C., is the nation's only legal advocacy organization dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness. Since its founding, the Law Center has been a catalyst for critical civil and human rights advocacy.

Legal interns are given the opportunity to work in several program areas, depending on the needs of the Law Center and the interest of the student. Projects include working on impact litigation, legislative and administrative advocacy, assisting with factual investigations, preparing outreach materials, and legal research. One or more of the Law Center's staff attorneys will supervise interns. The Law Center's areas of legal concentration include:

- Protecting the civil and human rights of homeless persons, including combating the criminalization of homelessness, and promoting Homeless Bills of Rights and constructive solutions to homelessness.
- Utilizing human rights standards to grow the domestic movement for the human right to housing and to fight practices and laws that punish homeless persons for ordinary, life-sustaining activities.
- Increasing affordable housing resources by maximizing the transfer of surplus federal properties to homeless service providers.
- Protecting housing rights for homeless and at-risk people by advocating for legal protections for tenants faced with foreclosure, and tenants who are victims of domestic violence.
- Ensuring homeless children's access to education by implementing civil rights provisions in the McKinney-Vento Act.

### **Qualifications:**

- Second- or third-year law student
- Excellent legal research, written and oral communication, and analytical skills
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and anti-poverty issues
- Available at least 15 hours per week; preference given to students available 3 days a week, full-time, or participating in a semester-in-DC program
- Law Review or Journal experience is a plus
- Capitol Hill or other legislative / policy experience is a plus
- This is an unpaid internship

### **How to Apply:**

Email cover letter, resume, short writing sample, and list of three references to Heidi Sahmel at [HR@nlchp.org](mailto:HR@nlchp.org). No phone calls, please. Due to the high volume of applications, NLCHP will not accept phone calls about the position and does not notify applicants of status except when an interview is granted.