



# LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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## THE 2012 LSNC SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

The 2012 LSNC Summer Intern Program is a 10-week internship tentatively scheduled between June 4, 2012 and August 10, 2012. We hope to place at least one intern in each of our eight field offices, which are located in Sacramento, Auburn, Chico, Redding, Woodland, Vallejo, Eureka and Ukiah; and in three of LSNC's special programs: LSNC Health, the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Project, and Senior Legal Hotline (SLH), all in Sacramento.

The summer intern program begins with a skills training event. Interns are exposed to the major legal problems facing low-income families and learn the practice skills necessary to work in public interest law. Following orientation, interns report to their assigned office, where they may be given a variety of responsibilities, including interviewing clients, drafting pleadings, working with community groups and conducting legal research on various issues facing the community.

Each intern will be assigned to a mentor attorney in his or her office. The mentor attorney will guide the intern through the summer and supervise his or her legal work. All interns will have opportunities to work with other staff over the course of the internship. If an intern is working on a discrete project, the intern should plan to spend more than half of her or his time on the project and the remaining time on regular internship duties, which may include work in support of their mentor attorney's caseload.

The scope of the internship experience is to a large degree within the intern's control. An intern can choose to learn a little about everything we do or a lot about one area of our practice. Interns may create new projects, such as designing community education seminars or carrying out innovative research on substantive law topics, or they may choose to gain experience and improve a specific skill, such as client interviewing (by assisting with intake on a regular basis) or legal research (by writing memos, briefs and drafting pleadings). Law students who are selected for internships are encouraged to think about the goals they would like to accomplish during the summer prior to beginning the internship.

Placement as an intern is contingent upon securing funding. At LSNC, we try to leverage available project funds with public interest law foundation grants or work-study funds. We will ask each applicant to explore public interest law foundation funding as an option, and LSNC will assist applicants with the grant process. We have placed as many as 12 interns in one summer utilizing public interest law foundation grants. Our commitment to work with you to secure funding should not be considered a commitment to hire if funding is not secured. LSNC does not provide fringe benefits, but interns are reimbursed for travel required by the job. Interns pay their own relocation expenses.

Recruitment for summer interns begins in December 2011. Decisions on placement will be made in March 2012. **To apply, send a resume and cover letter, including your preferred office placement, by January 31, 2012 to:**

Summer Intern Program  
Legal Services of Northern California  
515 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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