

LEGAL SERVICES

of

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

2018 LSNC SUMMER LAW CLERK PROGRAM

LSNC's Summer Law Clerk Program is a 10-week internship scheduled between May 29, 2018 and August 3, 2018. We intend to place at least one law student intern in each of our eight field offices, which are located in Sacramento, Auburn, Chico, Redding, Woodland, Vallejo, Eureka and Ukiah; and in two of LSNC's special programs: LSNC Health and Senior Legal Hotline (SLH) both located in Sacramento

Training & Mentorship

The summer law clerk program begins with a mandatory two-day skills training event in Sacramento. Law clerks 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, law clerks report to their assigned offices, where they may be given additional training, as well as a variety of responsibilities, including interviewing clients, drafting pleadings, working with community groups and conducting legal research on various issues facing the community.

Each law clerk will be assigned to a mentor attorney in his or her office. The mentor attorney will guide the law clerk throughout the summer and supervise his or her legal work. All law clerks will have opportunities to work with other staff over the course of the internship.

Projects

Law clerks may request to focus their work on a special project, often as part of an application for a law school public interest summer grant. If a law clerk is working on a special project, she or he will spend a portion 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. Law clerks may also ask to create a new project, such as designing community education seminars or conducting in-depth research on a substantive law topic. Additionally, law clerks may ask 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). LSNC approves projects that fit within the program's priorities and needs for the summer.

Funding & Credit

At LSNC, the summer law clerk positions are generally unpaid. LSNC will assist students offered law clerk positions to pursue public interest law foundation grants or work-study funds. LSNC has placed as many as 14 interns in one summer. Our commitment to work with you to secure funding should not be considered a commitment to hire. Conversely, a failure to secure funding will not disqualify you from being considered for internship placement. LSNC will also assist students offered law clerk positions to pursue externship credit in lieu of summer funding.

Application Process

Recruitment for summer law clerks will begin in late fall 2017. LSNC will interview candidates in January and February 2018. To apply, 1L and 2L students should send a resumé and cover letter, including your preferred office placement(s), by January 26, 2018 to:

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

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