

LEGAL SERVICES of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

2019 LSNC SUMMER LAW CLERK PROGRAM

Program Overview

LSNC's Summer Law Clerk Program is a 10-week internship scheduled between **May 28, 2019 and August 2, 2019**. 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 in Sacramento. Law clerks are exposed to the major legal problems facing low-income families and learn the advocacy 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 memos, working with community groups and conducting legal research for cases and/or on various issues facing the community.

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

Projects

Law clerks may spend a portion of their time working on a special project or community outreach event. The remaining time will be spent on regular internship duties, which may include work in support of their mentor attorney's caseload. Projects can include designing community education seminars, conducting in-

depth research on a substantive law topic, or creating written materials for clients or staff use. Additionally, law clerks may be asked 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. 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 fall 2018. LSNC will interview candidates on a rolling basis through February 2019. All hiring decision will be made by April 2019.

To apply, 1L and 2L students should send a résumé, cover letter **including your preferred office placement(s)**, and an unofficial law school transcript as available by January 25, 2019 to probono@lsnc.net with the subject line **2019 Summer Law Clerk Program**, or to:

Legal Services of Northern California
Summer Law Clerk Program
517 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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