



2022 Summer Law Student Internship Program

Community Lawyers, Inc. ("CLI") seeks law students for its 10-week summer internship program that focuses on providing legal assistance to low-income and moderate-income consumers. The internship program is structured to strengthen the relationships between the private bar and legal aid organizations in Southern California and to increase the options available to legal services consumers.

The CLI Summer Internship Program allows law students to obtain first-hand working experience in the community-based legal services arena. In addition, students will be given the unique opportunity to build relationships with judges, attorneys, and community leaders to increase the delivery of affordable legal services while bolstering their abilities to navigate the legal profession. Interns will spend a portion of their summer at a small law firm and will spend a portion of their summer at a non-profit legal aid office. Placements will be determined by the student's individual interests.

The responsibilities of interns will vary according to their individual interests and resulting placements; however, interns will generally be involved in client interviewing, community legal education, legal writing & research, and preparing legal documents. At the conclusion of the program, interns are expected to generate recommendations for greater collaboration between community-based lawyers and traditional legal service providers.

CLI seeks independent, responsible, hardworking, and entrepreneurial law students who are interested in devoting their legal careers to serve low-income and moderate income-clients. This internship is ideal for any law student who wishes to establish a private law practice that services the needs of the underserved. The interests and skills of each intern will be evaluated to insure a "good fit" with assigned mentors and work sites. Finally, internship applicants are encouraged to secure a public interest summer internship stipend from their law school or other summer fellowships as this year's summer internship does not offer compensation.



The following factors will be considered in selecting an intern:

- Commitment to public interest/community-based work
- Academic excellence
- Extracurricular activities
- Outstanding communication skills
- Legal writing and research skills
- Bilingual proficiency is a plus, but not a requirement.

The program will commence on June 13, 2022 and will conclude on August 5, 2022. To apply, please send (1) a cover letter describing how this internship fits your career interests; (2) a resume; (3) a writing sample (MAX five pages); and (4) three references **by 5/16/22**. Your application should be sent via electronic mail to Miho Murai, Executive Director at mmurai@community-lawyers.org with the subject heading "Summer Law Student Internship Application."

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