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Summer 2022 Legal Intern: Housing Justice and Eviction Defense

About Colorado Poverty Law Project:

Colorado Poverty Law Project (“CPLP”) is a Denver-based nonprofit with a mission of preventing homelessness and promoting housing justice through legal representation, education, and advocacy. You can learn more about CPLP at www.copovertylawproject.org.

Internship Opportunity:

This opportunity is ideal for a law student who is comfortable communicating in both Spanish and English, with outstanding writing and organizational skills, and an interest in public interest law, client management, outreach, and communications.

The Legal Intern will actively participate in all aspects of CPLP’s daily operations, including connecting with potential clients; tracking intakes and referrals; communicating with partner organizations and collaborating attorneys; conducting legal research and administrative tasks; and supporting staff attorneys in drafting pleadings, motions, and other documents for litigation. If interested, the Legal Intern may also have opportunities to support CPLP’s legislative advocacy and community education (i.e., Know Your Rights) efforts. The Legal Intern will also develop valuable skills through managing projects, working in teams, and honing communication skills. Finally, the Legal Intern will learn about CPLP’s diverse legal cases, targeted policy advocacy strategies, and the work we do in addressing housing related legal issues.

In this role, the Legal Intern will work closely with the CPLP staff attorneys, paralegal, and managing attorney.

Qualifications:**Required:**

- Currently enrolled in an accredited law school and will have completed at least one year of law school by June 2022;
- Commitment to empowering tenants, a passion for access to justice issues, and the desire to address housing insecurity;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a sense of humor; and
- Superior organizational skills.

Preferred:

- Experience working with vulnerable or low-income populations; and
- Ability to fluently communicate in oral and written Spanish.

Time Commitment:

The Legal Intern must commit to working with CPLP for 30-40 hours per week during the summer. We anticipate the Intern spending approximately half their time on legal research and writing, litigation, and/or policy advocacy support and half their time managing client intakes and referrals.

Office Location:

Currently, CPLP is working remotely. Our Denver office is available for interns who prefer to use the space, but CPLP does not expect or require interns to do so. Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply regardless of location. CPLP will provide a laptop and cell phone reimbursement for internship purposes.

Compensation:

This is a paid position (\$16 per hour). Alternatively, interns may receive academic credit for their work with CPLP. CPLP will coordinate with your educational institution to ensure appropriate recognition of internship work. Prospective applicants who have questions about compensation should contact spencer@copovertylawproject.org.

Application Instructions:

If you are interested in joining our team, please send the following documents as a single PDF attachment to an email titled "Summer internship" to spencer@copovertylawproject.org.

- Cover letter (no more than 2 pages)
- Resume (no more than 2 pages)
- Law school transcript or grade sheet (official or unofficial is acceptable)

In your cover letter, please describe your interest in housing justice issues and highlight prior relevant experience, if any. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, and early application is encouraged.

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.