



Ending the cycle of violence for survivors and children through pro bono legal aid

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / IMMIGRATION LEGAL INTERNSHIP

Volunteer Legal Advocates is breaking the cycle of violence for survivors and children through pro bono legal aid. We recruit, train, and support a dedicated network of volunteer attorneys who provide free legal representation to survivors of domestic violence, immigrant survivors of gender-based violence, and vulnerable children in dangerous situations. Our innovative model expands access to justice for thousands of clients at no cost to them. Learn more at VolunteerLegalAdvocates.org.

Volunteer Legal Advocates hosts law school students, LLM students, and recent law school graduates as full- or part-time interns in Washington, DC and/or Rockville, MD. In this role, interns will have the opportunity to work alongside lawyers and other professionals to contribute to helping low-income residents with their legal needs. The duties and responsibilities of the internship vary from term to term, depending on Volunteer Legal Advocates' current needs and capacities.

Interns will work on projects coming from our immigration and domestic violence practices. All work is related to survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence, and vulnerable children. Interns may be able to assist with the following kinds of projects:

- Drafting legal memos
- Conducting legal research
- Outlining briefs for asylum cases
- Collecting information for immigration applications, including direct client engagement
- Drafting country conditions reports
- Creating materials to train volunteer attorneys
- Gathering client information in a legal clinic setting
- Attending custody, divorce, or civil protection order hearings
- Assisting in trial preparation, such as drafting motions and pleadings and gathering evidence

The stipend for this internship is \$500, which will be paid in two installments of \$250 (installments are paid during the first and last week of the internship). Volunteer Legal Advocates can instead assist in obtaining academic credit if provided with the required documentation.

This opportunity can be part-time (20 hours per week) or full-time (40 hours per week), with the same stipend provided for both options. The intern is required to be in the office twice per week, with the additional opportunity to attend one or more in-person legal clinics per week. As part of the internship, interns usually attend staff-wide professional development training, practice team meetings, client meetings, and/or trials. Applicants with Spanish proficiency are highly preferred; all are encouraged to apply.

TO APPLY: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Internships@VolunteerLegalAdvocates.org by January 25, 2026. Please include "Summer 2026 Legal Internship" in the subject line. Early applications are encouraged and will be considered on a rolling basis.

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