



## Undergraduate Internship at Volunteer Legal Advocates Sept 2026 – Dec 2026

Volunteer Legal Advocates (formerly DC Volunteer Lawyers Project) 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. With hands-on staff support, our volunteers handle protection orders, custody, and immigration cases, serve as court-appointed attorneys for children, and staff walk-in clinics that offer legal guidance, safety planning, and referrals to essential resources. Our innovative model expands access to justice for thousands of clients at no cost to them. Learn more at [VolunteerLegalAdvocates.org](https://VolunteerLegalAdvocates.org).

Volunteer Legal Advocates is searching for current college students or recent graduates to join our dedicated staff of lawyers and administrators for a part-time fall semester internship in Washington, D.C., for a minimum of 13 weeks, **beginning the week of September 7, 2026**, and ending in December 2026. This is a unique opportunity to work with a dedicated team, gain vital experience at a legal services nonprofit, and help increase access to justice for under-served, low-income survivors of domestic violence and at-risk children.

### **Internship Responsibilities:**

- Attend court hearings virtually and in person at DC Superior Court and provide legal and administrative support to the supervising and volunteer attorneys.
- Assist in case administration of Child Advocacy (*Guardian ad Litem*), Domestic Violence, and Immigration matters, including court document management.
- Support the operations of our weekly remote and in-person Domestic Violence and Immigration Clinics.
- Any additional projects assigned.

### **Requirements:**

- Minimum commitment of 12-16 hours per week.
- Availability to travel to and from our office, legal clinics, and DC Superior Court (a Volunteer Legal Advocates-funded SmarTrip card is provided, if needed, for travel on Metrorail and Metrobus).
- Keen attention to detail and strong organizational, computer, and writing skills.
- Positive attitude and ability to deal with sensitive issues.

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 also assist in obtaining academic credit if provided with the required documents.

### **To Apply:**

Spanish-speakers and those with an interest in law school are strongly encouraged to apply. If you are interested in applying for this exciting opportunity, please email your cover letter and resume, including **DC Undergraduate Legal Internship** in the subject line by May 22, 2026, to Jakiah Webb at [Internships@volunteerlegaladvocates.org](mailto:Internships@volunteerlegaladvocates.org).

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