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American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan

Position Description: Legal Internship or Externship

A legal internship or externship with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan provides students with a unique opportunity to work on cutting edge civil liberties and civil rights cases. The ACLU litigates impact cases addressing a wide range of constitutional issues such as free speech, religious freedom, right to privacy, right to due process and equal protection, voting rights, and the rights of people of color, women, gay men and lesbians, and prisoners.

Responsibilities:

Law students may be asked to work on many aspects of potential and ongoing cases such as: drafting memoranda addressing the merits of a case, meeting with and interviewing plaintiffs and witnesses, and drafting complaints and briefs. Students may also be asked to analyze the constitutionality of pending legislation or help with discovery.

Qualifications:

ACLU of Michigan Legal Interns:

- must have finished their first year of law school;
- must have strong research and writing skills;
- must have a commitment to civil liberties and civil rights.

Students who have studied constitutional law are preferred.

Supervision:

Legal interns and externs will be supervised by the legal director. They will sometimes be asked to assist a staff attorney or cooperating attorney on a pending case or to work with the executive director, legislative director, Racial Justice Project staff attorney and/or LGBT Project staff attorney.

Credit/Fellowships:

Most law schools will give students credit for an ACLU internship or externship during the school year or the summer. Some law schools, such as the University of Michigan Law School and Harvard Law School, offer student-funded fellowships or other grants to ACLU summer interns. Unfortunately, the ACLU cannot afford to pay its interns.

Applications:

Please send or email cover letter, resume and writing sample to:

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The American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All interested individuals, including people of color, women, LGBT persons and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.