

COMMUNITIES PARTNERING 4 PEACE JUSTICE CORPS INTERN/EXTERN-SHIP

The Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P) Justice Corps at Legal Aid Society is seeking an intern/extern for Spring 2025. LAS spring internships begin in January and continue through April/May. The position is based in Chicago and will be hybrid, with in-person and work from home opportunities. This is a part-time, unpaid position, though applicants are encouraged to seek external funding, work-study funding, or class credits. ***Applicants must have in-person availability on Thursdays.***

The CP4P Justice Corps provides free, neighborhood-based legal services in support of organizations working in concert to reduce gun violence in Chicago. Through individualized legal services, the CP4P Justice Corps offers justice-involved adults the opportunity to move past the legal issues and barriers holding them back from success. CP4P Justice Corps assists with criminal records relief, employment issues, wage theft, landlord/tenant, public benefits, crime victim services, human trafficking, immigration, elder law, and domestic violence.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions to address barriers to success for clients;
2. Participate with attorneys in client interviews and negotiations with adverse parties;
3. Research case law and procedure for effective client representation;
4. Maintain client files; and
5. Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

1. An interest in community lawyering and restorative justice;
2. Availability to come to the office on Thursdays;
3. Strong research and writing skills;
4. The ability to communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, and co-workers;
5. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail;
6. Ability to work effectively on individual assignments and as part of a team; and
7. Patience and professionalism while working with diverse clients.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. An Illinois 711 License or ability to obtain one early in the internship.

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to Elizabeth Gresk, Director of Pro Bono, at LASInterns@metrofamily.org. Please note in the subject line the position which you are applying for (CP4P). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. LAS hopes to fill the position by mid-December 2025. Please note: a background check and fingerprinting will be required as part of the on-boarding process.