

The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project is seeking law student applications for spring and summer internship positions in its Tacoma office. These internships are unpaid, but NWIRP will work with applicants to secure outside funding or academic credit.

Interested applicants should apply to each office individually by sending a cover letter and resume to the contact person listed below with “2018 Summer [or Spring] Internship - NAME” in the subject line.

For summer, full consideration will be given to applications received by December 11, 2017. No applications will be accepted after March 1, 2018.

TACOMA OFFICE – 3 POSITIONS

NWIRP’s Tacoma office provides legal services to immigrant detainees at the Northwest Detention Center (NWDC), which holds up to 1575 detainees, 85% of whom are unrepresented.

Summer interns will likely be able to directly represent detainees under the supervision of the attorneys in removal proceedings. This includes appearing in immigration court hearings, preparing clients for court, preparing witnesses, drafting a number of legal briefs and making oral arguments in court. For spring interns, this will depend on the time available for the intern. In addition to their direct caseload, intern responsibilities include the following:

- Conduct “Know Your Rights” presentations at the NWDC to groups of detainees;
- Conduct intakes with individual detainees;
- Conduct workshops to assist detainees with applying for relief;
- Identify legal issues and potential forms of relief for detainees;
- Draft pro se briefs for detainees;
- Perform a variety of administrative tasks.

The internship is open to first, second and third year law students. Applicants should have a sense of humor, excellent written and oral communication skills, an interest in immigration law, an ability to work in a diverse and fast-paced work environment, and a commitment to advancing and defending the legal rights of low-income immigrants and refugees. **Applicants proficient in Spanish are very strongly preferred.**

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