

OVERVIEW OF THE SEATTLE OFFICE

NWIRP's Seattle Office serves low-income immigrants and refugees in Western Washington. The office provides direct legal representation, referrals to pro bono attorneys, pro se assistance, and workshops on immigration matters ranging from asylum, citizenship, family petitions, and protections for immigrant children and victims of crimes. The Seattle office consists of the following units:

- **Asylum:** Helps persons who face persecution in their home countries in applying for asylum, and assists asylees and refugees in applying for permanent resident status and petitioning for their family.
- **Children & Youth Advocacy:** Helps children and youth seek Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, asylum, & DACA
- **Family Services:** Promotes family unity and stability by assisting with family visa applications.
- **Impact Litigation:** Works for systematic change through individual and class-action lawsuits.
- **Naturalization:** Assists immigrants and refugees, particularly elderly and/or persons with disabilities, obtain citizenship, including seeking disability waivers from the required English and civics tests.
- **Removal Defense:** Represents individuals in immigration court proceedings against deportation.
- **VAWA:** Assists immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other crimes in obtaining U & T visas and other immigration benefits derived from the Violence Against Women Act.

Under the supervision of attorneys, interns will assist with case matters before the Immigration Court and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Depending on unit placement, interns' responsibilities may include:

- Conducting legal research and drafting briefs in support of applications for relief;
- Researching country conditions in support of claims for asylum;
- Preparing and submitting filings with the Immigration Court and USCIS; and
- Working directing with clients, such as conducting intakes and drafting client declarations in support of applications for relief.

ELIGIBILITY – MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The internship is open to first, second, and third year law students. Applicants should have 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. Spanish-bilingual applicants are strongly preferred.

The internship is unpaid, but NWIRP will work with applicants to secure outside funding or academic credit.

APPLY

Please send a resume and cover letter to NWIRP Internship Committee, legalinternship@nwirp.org, with "2018 Summer Internship" in the subject line by **March 16, 2018**. Offers are made on a rolling basis, so early submission is recommended. **If you have a particular interest in specific unit(s) or any foreign language skills, please indicate so in your application.**