

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE INTERNSHIP

The Elder Justice Initiative of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services is seeking candidates for a fall 2020 law student internship that will focus on advocacy for elder (60+) victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The intern will work with the Elder Justice Initiative to provide legal services in a variety of cases, including domestic violence, divorce, theft/embezzlement, and nursing home resident rights, to elders throughout Cook County, Illinois. The exact start and finish dates will be determined between interns and their supervisor.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Research case law for effective client representation;
2. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation;
3. Participate with attorneys in client interviews and negotiations with adverse parties;
4. Prepare legal documents in connection with court proceedings and under the consultation of the supervisory attorney;
5. Maintain client files; and
6. Work effectively with diverse staff and service population.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

1. An interest in elder law or victim advocacy;
2. Excellent research and writing skills;
3. The ability to communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, and co-workers;
4. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail; and
5. Patience and professionalism while working with diverse populations.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. A background in public interest work, elder law, health care law, or family law;
2. The ability to obtain an IL 711 License during the course of the internship; and
3. Spanish language fluency.

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to Dana Harbaugh, Director of Pro Bono, at HarbaughD@metrofamily.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.