LEGAL AID SOCIETY metropolitan family services
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LEGAL AID SOCIETY – HUMAN TRAFFICKING OUTREACH INTERNSHIP

OVERVIEW: 4 Summer Interns (JD rising 2L or 3L), 2 in Chicago and 2 in Decatur

Hybrid – primarily in-person outreach work, some remote work

10 weeks minimum, 12 weeks preferred, beginning May 23th (Mandatory training May 24-26th)

This is a ***paid*** internship opportunity to join LAS outreach staff to work on efforts for in-person and remote/online outreach geared towards audiences and issues in Illinois. The team will be comprised of intern and LAS staff engaging in primarily in-person, with some remote/online, outreach activities. Interns will also conduct assessments and intakes of potential clients with the practice group. Interns will perform activities which increase knowledge and awareness of labor exploitation, human trafficking and worker rights, and directly advance the legal counseling and representation of clients, under attorney supervision and as provided by law. Interns will be under the general supervision of the Supervising Attorney or Outreach Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Engage in in-person outreach activities to agricultural workers, e.g., visit and build rapport with agricultural workers at housing sites and local businesses, meet with and distribute outreach materials in areas where agricultural workers live, conduct training/presentations in Spanish or English;
2. Engage in online outreach to potential victims of human trafficking, e.g. conduct online training/presentations and/or webinars in Spanish or English, engage social media audiences;
3. Articulate agency anti-trafficking services, programs and goals to community leaders, social services, and other stakeholders in Illinois;
4. Create and maintain detailed records of each potential victim of trafficking identified;
5. Screen potential clients for indicators on human trafficking, conduct detailed assessment, and schedule consultation meeting with attorney;
6. Manage an assigned caseload with supervision by attorneys;
7. Interview new clients, identify legal issues from facts presented by clients, and recognize additional social or economic problems for referral to other sources of assistance;
8. When needed, assist attorneys in client representation and litigation, including drafting complex pleadings, conducting factual investigations, performing in-depth legal research, gathering and compiling documentary evidence, locating and preparing witnesses, and other necessary communication with clients or witnesses.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Second or third year law school student,
2. **Bilingual language fluency required in English and Spanish,**
3. Excellent oral and written communication skills,
4. Effective interpersonal and problem solving skills,
5. Ability to work effectively with diverse individuals and the immigrant community,
6. Familiarity with anti-trafficking issues,
7. Valid driver's license,
8. Flexible schedule – may include evenings and/or weekends

9. Ability to master operation of computer hardware and software in assigned area.

This work will be conducted primarily in-person, with some remote work, throughout the duration of the internship.

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to Elizabeth Gresk, Director of Pro Bono, at lasinterns@metrofamily.org. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. LAS hopes to fill the positions by mid-April 2022.