The Individual Rights & Social Justice Practice Group at Legal Aid Society has is seeking a law student intern/extern for Fall 2023, to assist with human trafficking and labor exploitation related work. LAS fall internships begin in late August/early September and continue through December. This is a part-time, unpaid position. This position is based in our Decatur office and will be a hybrid position, with primarily remote but occasional in-person opportunities.

The IRSJ Practice Group works to ensure victims of crime have access to a full array of legal and social services. The group works primarily with survivors of human trafficking, immigrant victims of crime, and individuals with certain employment-related legal concerns. This multi-disciplinary practice group engages in significant community outreach efforts and strives to ensure clients receive trauma informed services that address all of their needs, either through in-house services or by providing referrals to community partners. This position will be primarily working on issues related to human trafficking and labor exploitation.

RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Assist in drafting documents, including pleadings and motions, to be used in administrative proceedings and litigation;
2. Participate with attorneys in client interviews;
3. Research case law and procedure for effective client representation;
4. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to wage and hour laws, human trafficking, and civil rights representation;
5. Maintain client files; and
6. Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.

QUALIFICATIONS
The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:
1. Spanish language fluency;
2. Strong research and writing skills;
3. Interest in litigation and administrative law;
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;
7. Patience and professionalism while working diverse clients; and
8. A willingness to ask questions and seek to clarify assignments and responsibilities.

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 (IRSJ Decatur). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. LAS hopes to fill the position by mid-August 2023.