

LAW & POLICY INTERNSHIP – Semester

Description and Qualifications

Juvenile Law Center seeks second- and third-year law students for semester internships. Interns assist Juvenile Law Center attorneys in researching children's rights issues, writing legal and policy memoranda, preparing training materials, supporting ongoing litigation and legislative initiatives, and responding to requests for assistance.

Time Commitment and Course Credit

Semester interns generally are expected 10-15 hours a week for about 14 weeks per semester. Juvenile Law Center works with interns to create an internship schedule based on their class schedule and any course credit requirements.

Juvenile Law Center supervises internships for law school course credit.

To Apply

Please submit your resume, a writing sample, two references with email addresses and phone numbers, and a cover letter indicating your interest in the position to internships@jlc.org with the subject line “Semester Law and Policy Internship.”

We want to know why you are applying for an internship with Juvenile Law Center: In your cover letter, please discuss your interest in working with Juvenile Law Center; any personal, professional, or academic experience or interest in the juvenile justice or child welfare systems; and/or how you will support Juvenile Law Center’s commitment to diversity.

Juvenile Law Center’s mission is to advocate for rights, dignity, equity, and opportunity in the child welfare and justice systems. The diversity of our staff is critical to fulfilling this mission.

Juvenile Law Center is committed to cultivating an inclusive space that affirms and celebrates the diverse backgrounds, learned and lived expertise, whole identities, and individual perspectives of our staff. We are dedicated to uplifting the voices of communities and committed to the diversity of our staff as it pertains to race, color, ethnicity, class, sex, marital or parental status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, size disability, religion, national origin, and/or child welfare or juvenile or criminal justice involvement, including prior record of arrest, adjudication, or conviction. Applicants of all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to self-identify during the application process. Juvenile Law Center is an equal opportunity employer.

Deadlines:

Fall 2021: Open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Spring 2022: Not Yet Accepting Applications.

Organization Background

Juvenile Law Center is a national public interest law firm located in Philadelphia that advocates for rights, dignity, equity, and opportunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. Juvenile Law Center plays a leadership role nationally and in Pennsylvania in shaping and using

the law on behalf of children in the child welfare and justice systems to promote fairness, prevent harm, secure access to appropriate services, and ensure a smooth transition from adolescence to adulthood. Our strategies include litigation, appellate advocacy and submission of amicus briefs, policy reform, public education, training, and strategic communications. We strive to ensure that laws, policies, and practices affecting youth are rooted in research, consistent with children's unique developmental characteristics, applied fairly, and reflective of international human rights values.