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Northwest Justice Project

RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE SUMMER INTERNSHIP - PAID
SUMMER of 2027

PROJECT EXPECTATIONS:
Under the supervision of highly experienced staff attorneys, law clerks will serve as part of a statewide team of legal services advocates who work cooperatively, with other providers, in bringing high quality representation to the State's indigent population. Dependent on the office, substantive priorities may include family law, housing, consumer, employment, public benefits and education. Law clerks will experience the realities of a legal services office as they aid the attorneys with legal research, interview and advise clients, and assist in case planning. Law clerks may also help develop self-help materials for pro-se litigants, training materials for staff and clients and work on other special projects depending on the needs of the office. Externships for credit during the school year are also available in the Seattle, Spokane, Yakima and Tacoma offices.

Positions for Summer 2027 may include:

- General legal services in Aberdeen, Bremerton, Colville, Kennewick (Tri-Cities), Pullman, Longview, Port Angeles, and Bellingham
- Other general legal services positions located in Wenatchee, Omak, and Yakima may require or prefer Spanish fluency

All law clerks will be expected to bring the maturity and commitment to their work necessary to participate as members of a comprehensive, statewide equal justice delivery system.

SPECIFICATIONS:
- Interest in the provision of legal services to low income people.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- The ability to work independently and cooperatively with different types of people.
- Technologically independent: possess dependable computer skills in word processing and computerized legal research.

SALARY:
NJP requires students to first exhaust all funding options available to them to completely, or partially, support their internships, whether it be through a law school public interest program, or work-study (if available). NJP will provide up to $8,050 for any student who is unable to fund or can only partially fund their summer internship.

APPLICATIONS:
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled with priority given to applications received by January 29, 2027. To apply, please email your cover letter, resume, and writing sample to attorneyresume@nwjustice.org In your cover letter, please include what office locations and practice areas you are interested in.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

NJP is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and fosters an environment free of barriers and discriminatory practices. NJP actively promotes mutual respect, acceptance, teamwork and productivity. NJP is committed to maintaining an organization whose staff, Board and clients are diverse in background, experience, race, color, national origin, gender, age, religious reference, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, sensory, mental or physical abilities, veteran status, and other qualities that strengthen the program while reinforcing its commitment to basic fairness. People of color, people who identify as transgender, lesbian, gay, or bisexual, and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Individuals needing a reasonable accommodation for the application or interview process or for more information about the project should contact Human Resources Department by calling (206) 464-1519 or emailing attorneyresume@nwjustice.org.