



IJDH Summer Ella Baker Intern 2014

The Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) in Boston invites first year law students interested in social justice lawyering to apply for a Summer Internship through the 2014 Ella Baker Summer Internship Program. The program is run in conjunction with the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and applicants are encouraged to apply [here](#) by December 15.

The Ella Baker Summer Internship Program is part of CCR's Social Justice Institute (SJI), an innovative training institute for social justice law students and lawyers created in partnership with the Bertha Foundation. Along with the Ella Baker Program, the SJI supports existing and aspiring social justice lawyers through a range of programs including: post-graduate fellowships, internships and externships, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses, regional conferences and national training institutes.

All Ella Baker interns with IJDH will be supervised directly by IJDH attorneys. IJDH and its Haiti-based affiliate, the *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI), have over 17 years of demonstrated success enforcing Haitians' human rights, in Haiti and abroad. IJDH works in four areas: 1) impact litigation that opens the doors of Haitian, international and U.S. courts to precedent-setting human rights cases; 2) documentation that provides public officials, human rights advocates and grassroots activists the reliable information they need to speak up for human rights in Haiti; 3) transnational grassroots advocacy that compels governments and powerful institutions in Haiti and abroad to respect Haitians' human rights; and 4) systemic capacity building that develops a corps of Haitian human rights lawyers and advocates trained to fight for sustainable change in their country. Interns will likely work primarily on ground-breaking litigation and advocacy seeking accountability from the United Nations (UN) for introducing cholera to Haiti. This work is done in collaboration with the BAI, and interns may have an opportunity to travel to Haiti to work directly with the attorneys and apprentices at BAI. Due to the dynamic and fast-paced nature of legal work in Haiti, interns must demonstrate language proficiency in French or Kreyol.

For more information, please contact IJDH Staff Attorney Beatrice Lindstrom at beatrice@ijdh.org or IJDH Volunteer Coordinator Andrew Chatzky at volunteercoordinator@ijdh.org. Potential applicants are also encouraged to visit www.ijdh.org and <http://ccrjustice.org/ella-baker-fellowship> to learn more.

Please note that all 1L students interested in pursuing summer internships with IJDH should apply through the Ella Baker program, as IJDH may not accept applications separately for Summer 2014.