



## IJDH Legal Internship – Summer 2018

The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) seeks legal interns to work on advocacy and legal cases, including our groundbreaking work holding the UN accountable for introducing cholera to Haiti, and other human rights projects on an as-needed basis in partnership with IJDH's Haiti-based sister organization, the *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI).

One of IJDH's largest projects is UN cholera accountability advocacy. At the end of 2016, after years of litigation and advocacy by IJDH and BAI, the UN issued an unprecedented public apology for the organization's role in causing the worst cholera epidemic in the world in Haiti, and announced the launch of a new \$400 million plan to improve cholera elimination efforts and provide material assistance to victims.

The legal interns will assist IJDH to ensure that the UN plan is fully funded and implemented in a manner that responds to the organization's legal obligations and the victims' human rights. The Summer Legal Internship is an opportunity for highly-motivated law students to participate in developing high-level, cutting-edge advocacy strategies within the UN system and among member states, and to contribute to the design and implementation of a prospective reparations process.

Interns will also be invited to contribute to IJDH's other programmatic work, which may include efforts to secure paternity support for Haitian women with children born to UN peacekeepers, advocacy to secure protection for Haitians with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and projects to hold the Haitian government accountable for corruption and police misconduct. For more information about IJDH's work, check out the IJDH website ([ijdh.org](http://ijdh.org)), under the tab "Our Work".

### About US

IJDH and BAI have over 20 years of demonstrated success enforcing Haitians' human rights, in Haiti and abroad. We work 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.

### Intern Responsibilities

Interns will work with and be supervised by IJDH attorneys on the following:

- Conducting domestic, international and comparative legal and policy research;



- Contributing to media and public campaigning work, including drafting press releases, talking points, providing project management support and contributing to social media work;
- Supporting advocacy within the United Nations system, with the U.S. government and other UN member states, including drafting briefing papers, letters and other advocacy materials;
- Participating in regular team strategy meetings.

Interns are ideally based in Boston, but remote arrangements may be possible.

### Qualifications

- Current law students with a demonstrated background in human rights, transitional justice and/or the UN system;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- High level of initiative and self-motivation;
- Ability to handle sensitive relationships and protect the confidentiality of our work and our communications;
- Full-time is preferred, but part-time (minimum of 20 hours/week) will also be considered;
- Proficiency in French and/or Haitian Creole desirable, but not required.

### Funding

This is an unpaid internship.

### Application Procedure

Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, short writing sample, and contact information for two references. Please send all application materials electronically to [hire@ijdh.org](mailto:hire@ijdh.org) and include “Legal Intern Summer 2018” in the subject line. Candidates are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible, but no later than February 28, 2018. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.