



IJDH Legal Internship – Summer 2019

About Us

The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) has successfully helped Haitians enforce their human rights since 2004. IJDH partners with the Haiti-based *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI) to support grassroots struggles for justice in Haiti and in the powerful countries abroad where decisions about Haitians' rights are often made. IJDH and BAI combine traditional legal strategies with organizing, emerging technology and public advocacy to address the root causes of instability and poverty in Haiti.

We fight using routinely excellent legal work combined with creativity, humility, inspiration and humor, as well as a supportive work culture. We effect broad changes with modest resources by nurturing large advocacy networks.

Internship Description

IJDH is seeking 1-2 full-time legal interns passionate about supporting justice struggles in the Global South. The Summer Legal Internship is an opportunity for highly motivated law students to work in a fast-paced and exciting environment. Interns are fully integrated into our legal and advocacy work, which includes protecting the work of human rights defenders in Haiti, legal efforts towards UN accountability for peacekeeper sexual exploitation and abuse in Haiti, advocacy for just U.S. immigration policy for Haitians, and our groundbreaking work holding the UN accountable for its introduction of cholera to Haiti.

Legal Intern Responsibilities

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

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

Interns are ideally based in New York or Boston with some in-office hours and some remote collaboration. Full-time remote arrangements may also be possible.

Qualifications

- Current 2L, 3L or LLM students with a demonstrated background in human rights, social 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;
- Proficiency in French and/or Haitian Creole desirable, but not required.

Funding

This is an unpaid internship. Arrangements for academic credit can be explored.

Application Procedure

Law students interested in the position of Summer Legal Intern should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, short writing sample, and contact information for two references as soon as possible. Please send all application materials electronically to hire@ijdh.org and include "Legal Intern Summer 2019" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until placements are filled, so applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications early on.