



IJDH Legal Internship – Spring 2020

Position Title: Legal Intern
Start Date: February 2020
Location: New York, NY
Reports to: IJDH Staff Attorney

About Us

Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti

The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) is a U.S.-based human rights non-profit organization that has successfully helped enforce recognition and accountability to human rights in Haiti since 2004. In partnership with its Haiti-based sister organization *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI), IJDH advocates, litigates, builds constituencies, and nurtures networks to create systemic pathways to justice for marginalized communities.

Internship Description

IJDH is seeking 1-2 part-time legal interns passionate about supporting struggles for justice in the Global South. The Spring Legal Internship is an opportunity for highly motivated law students to work in a fast-paced, creative and exciting environment to advance human rights in Haiti. Interns are fully integrated into our legal and advocacy work, which includes pursuing accountability for human rights violations and impacts, protecting activists and human rights defenders, combating gender-based violence, and litigating high-impact cases in collaboration with the BAI legal team.

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 with international institutions;
- Participating in regular team strategy meetings; and
- Contributing to media and public advocacy work, including drafting advocacy materials, press releases, talking points, providing project management support and contributing to social media work.

Interns must be available for a minimum of 8 hours per week for the duration of the internship, and are ideally based in New York. Remote arrangements may be possible.

Qualifications

- Current 2L, 3L or LLM students with a demonstrated background in human rights, social justice and/or international law;

- 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 Spring 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 **hiring@ijdh.org** and include “Legal Intern Spring 2020” 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.