



## **IJDH Legal Internship – Summer 2020**

**Position Title:** Legal Intern  
**Start Date:** June 2020  
**Location:** New York, NY  
**Reports to:** IJDH Staff Attorney/Legal Director

### **About Us**

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 legal interns passionate about supporting struggles for justice in the Global South. The Summer 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. In partnership with the BAI, IJDH advances groundbreaking legal and advocacy work, including the prosecution of former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier and work to hold the United Nations accountable for its introduction of cholera to Haiti. Summer interns are fully integrated into our legal and advocacy docket, including efforts towards UN accountability for peacekeeper sexual exploitation and abuse, pursuing emblematic cases of state violence against civilians, and legal empowerment and access to justice work for marginalized communities in 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 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.

This is a full time internship. Interns are based in our New York office.

### **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 Summer Legal Intern should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, a short unedited 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 Summer 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.