



Economic Justice Fall/Spring Legal Internship

The National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ) seeks enthusiastic, motivated law student interns with a commitment to racial and social justice to participate in a term-time internship.

Applicants should have excellent writing, legal research, and communication skills.

NCLEJ advances the cause of economic justice for low-income families, individuals, and communities across the country, using ground-breaking impact litigation, policy advocacy, and support for grassroots organizing. NCLEJ works to build systems that provide economic security and full participation in society to all. Our current advocacy focuses on 1) preserving and maintaining access to government benefits; 2) advancing the rights of lower wage workers; 3) combatting abusive debt collection and wealth extraction; and 4) advocating for disability justice. We litigate extensively in federal and state courts across the country, typically as lead counsel in class actions, and we partner with grassroots and community-based organizations, other legal organizations, and the private bar.

Internship Description: Students will work with staff attorneys to support ongoing impact litigation and class actions, policy analysis, and advocacy. Students have had the opportunity to assist with fact development and research for new litigation; discovery matters in pending litigation; legal and policy research on a variety of issues relating to federal court litigation; and collaborations with grassroots and community-based organizations.

Qualifications: Candidates must be students at an accredited school of law. Students must have experience in and/or a demonstrated commitment to social justice. Excellent writing and research skills are essential. NCLEJ supports students seeking academic credit or funding from their school or outside sources. Applicants must be available at minimum 10 hours per week for 12 weeks for term-time internships.

Vaccination Requirement: To help ensure that NCLEJ continues to operate in the safest manner possible, NCLEJ requires all employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Requests for medical and/or religious exemptions from the vaccination requirement will be considered on an individual basis, to the extent required by law.

Equal opportunity: NCLEJ is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. We strongly encourage people of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ people, and people from other historically disenfranchised communities to apply. NCLEJ does not discriminate because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital or parental status, citizenship, disability, veteran status, record of arrest or conviction, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

NCLEJ makes every effort to ensure that its recruitment and employment provide all qualified individuals, including individuals with disabilities, with full opportunities for internships in all positions.

Compensation: NCLEJ supports students in obtaining law school credit for term-time internships. If a student is not receiving law school credit or outside funding, NCLEJ pays term-time interns \$20/hour, paid bi-weekly.

How to apply: Send a cover letter, resume, list of three references, and legal writing sample to student@nclej.org. For applicants interested in a fall internship, applications will be accepted until August 1. For applicants interested in a spring internship, applications will be accepted until October 15. Due to the high volume of applications, we are not able to respond to every email. We will contact you if we wish to schedule an interview.

NCLEJ is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities. If you are a qualified individual with a disability and need assistance applying, please contact Leah Lotto at 212-633-6967 or lotto@nclej.org. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request an accommodation for the interview process.