

Program Description

For many years, Columbia Legal Services has represented some of the most marginalized people in our community. We use every legal tool available on their behalf. Our role to serve people and use advocacy that might otherwise not be available makes our work an integral part of the Washington Alliance for Equal Justice. As a proud member of the Alliance, our vision of justice is when people have the necessary tools and opportunity to achieve social and economic justice, a more equitable and inclusive society is possible. Through large-scale litigation, policy reform, and innovative partnerships, our lawyers and staff work in furtherance of our mission. The ideal candidate for any position at Columbia Legal Services will be able to articulate their role in the achievement of that vision.

Position

CLS is seeking a 2016 summer intern to assist experienced attorneys in serving migrant and seasonal farm workers through farm labor camp outreach, community education and legal work. Law students will work with attorneys on ongoing cases and projects, and will play an essential role in assisting workers in their efforts to enforce their labor rights and obtain access to needed services.

Fellowship funding is available for one position, located in Yakima, WA through the Laurel Rubin farmworker Justice Fellowship in the amount of \$5,500 for a ten-week internship.

CLS legal interns participate in systemic advocacy on behalf of low-income people by engaging in legal research and writing, policy advocacy, and community outreach and education to advance systemic change in Washington State.

Qualifications

Law Student applicants must:

- Be committed to advancing systemic advocacy on behalf of low-income communities;
- Have excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Be able to work independently and collaboratively;
- Possess dependable computer skills in word processing and legal research; and
- Have Spanish language proficiency.



Applications

Applicants may apply to work with the Immigrant Workers team at either the Yakima or Wenatchee office locations. Specify your location preference when applying.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, two references, and a three-to-five page writing sample to jobs@columbialegal.org with **Laurel Rubin Summer Internship** in the subject line (if e-mailed) to:

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We will accept applications until February 15th
Second year law student applications will be reviewed first, beginning December 7th

Program Policy

Columbia Legal Services is committed to a policy of pluralism and equal opportunity in an environment free of barriers and discriminatory practices for its client communities, Board and staff. Pluralism refers to the active promotion of mutual respect, acceptance, teamwork and productivity among people who are diverse in work background, experience, education, race, color, national origin, sex, age, religious preference, marital status, sexual orientation, sensory, mental and physical abilities, veteran status, or any other perceived differences. The resulting diversity is both a source of program strength and a matter of fundamental human fairness. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the application process, contact Sharon Nyland at 206-464-1122 or jobs@columbialegal.org.

