

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.

Positions Available

INSTITUTIONS PROJECT (Seattle)

The Institutions Project is seeking one law student intern or extern to assist with their litigation and policy advocacy. This position is unpaid and is generally self-supported through school credit, work-study, or through fellowships and public interest grants. Strong research and writing skills and interest in the criminal justice system are preferred. Institutions Project priorities include treatment of youth in the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, conditions of confinement in Washington's jails and prisons, and legal assistance for people reentering the community following incarceration.

PETER GREENFIELD INTERNSHIP (Seattle)

The Peter Greenfield Senior Advocacy Internship is funded at \$5,000 (expected—final amount TBD) for the summer by the Elder Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association and one of the three Washington law schools on a rotating basis. For 2019, this position is open to students at **Gonzaga University School of Law**. The Peter Greenfield Senior Advocacy Internship is intended as a way to increase awareness of, and interest in, the practice of elder law on behalf of low-income clients and to support systemic reform that was the hallmark of the work of Peter Greenfield, a former CLS attorney. This position offers the opportunity to advocate for low-income seniors through legal research and writing, community education, and other types of advocacy.

Application Process

Positions are open until filled. We will accept applications until **March 1st**. Other than the two paid internships indicated above, we are able to offer only unpaid positions that are self-supported, generally through school credit, work-study, or through fellowships and public interest grants. 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.



If you are interested in one of these positions, send a cover letter, resume, a short writing sample and the completed [Equity Statement](#) to jobs@columbialegal.org or to:

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If submitted via email, make 2019 Summer Internship your subject line. Indicate to which position(s) you are applying in the body of your message.

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 Michelle Majors at jobs@columbialegal.org.



**Columbia Legal Services
Equity Statement**

Please choose and answer one (1) of the following statements:

Prompt #1: We would like to know more about your experience with equity, race and social justice.

Please tell us about your experience engaging and working with diverse communities – particularly in the context of your professional, volunteer, or civic work. Please also address efforts you have made or been involved with to foster equity competence and understanding.

Prompt #2: What efforts have you made or been involved with to foster equity competence and understanding? What have you done to further your knowledge about equity? Have you included equity in your professional development? How have you demonstrated what you have learned?