

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – ELDER & DISABILITY JUSTICE INITIATIVE INTERN/EXTERN-SHIP

The Elder & Disability Justice Initiative of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services is seeking law student candidates for a Summer 2026 internship that will focus on advocacy for elder and disabled victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The intern will work with the Elder & Disability Justice Initiative attorneys to provide legal services in a variety of cases, including domestic violence, divorce, theft/embezzlement, housing law, and guardianship.

LAS summer internships begin the week of May 25, 2026, and continue through early/mid-August. The position is based in Chicago and will be hybrid, with in-person and work from home opportunities. The intern must be able to come in person to our HQ office in Downtown Chicago and to the Domestic Violence Courthouse. This is a full-time, unpaid position, though applicants are encouraged to seek external funding, work-study funding, or class credits.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to adult guardianship, elder financial exploitation, housing, and other related issues;
2. Participate with attorneys in client interviews and negotiations with adverse parties;
3. Prepare legal documents including motions, discovery materials, and pleadings in connection with court proceedings;
4. Maintain client files and data; and
5. Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

1. An interest in elder law or victim advocacy;
2. Excellent research and writing skills;
3. The ability to communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, and co-workers;
4. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail; and
5. Patience and professionalism while working with diverse populations.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. A background in public interest work, elder law, health care law, or family law;
2. Spanish language fluency; and
3. An Illinois 711-license (or the ability to obtain one at the start of the internship).

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to Elizabeth Gresk, Director of Pro Bono, at LASInterns@metrofamily.org. Please note in the subject line the position which you are applying for (EDJI). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. LAS hopes to fill the position by mid-April 2026. Please note: a background check and fingerprinting will be required as part of the on-boarding process.