

NON-PROFIT GENERAL COUNSEL
SUMMER 2026 INTERN/EXTERNSHIP

Metropolitan Family Services seeks qualified law students or recent graduates for a Summer 2026 fellowship, internship or externship in our General Counsel's office. The position is based in Chicago and will be hybrid, with in-person and some work from home opportunities. This is a full-time, unpaid position, though applicants are encouraged to seek external funding, work-study funding, or class credits. This position will support our General Counsel with legal research and writing, primarily. The position will also work with LAS' Director of Pro Bono & Impact Litigation on general support needs for LAS, including legal and administrative projects.

Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) empowers families to learn, to earn, to heal, to thrive. Since 1857, Metropolitan Family Services has been the engine of change that empowers families to reach their greatest potential and positively impact their communities. The Legal Aid Society (LAS) is the legal aid arm of Metropolitan Family Services. Founded in 1886, it is the oldest provider of legal aid in Illinois and the second oldest in the nation. The mission of LAS is to protect and strengthen families by providing equal access to justice for all by focusing on the most vulnerable communities, including those who are impoverished, the elderly, and victims of violence & crimes. We are based in Chicago, Illinois, and serve low-income clients in Cook and DuPage Counties, and the Decatur area.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Research and memoranda writing on issues impacting non-profit operations & governance;
2. Support the mission of the agency through active engagement and participation;
3. Assist with legal and administrative projects in LAS' Pro Bono Program and Chicago Prepared Federal Response Initiative
4. Other duties, as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Strong verbal and written communication skills;
2. Must be able to work independently and yet be willing to seek guidance when needed;
3. Strong organizational skills and ability to manage multiple projects at once; and
4. Ability to work effectively with a variety of individuals and groups.

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