

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – IRSJ CHICAGO IMMIGRATION TEAM INTERN/EXTERN-SHIP

The Individual Rights & Social Justice Practice Immigration team at Legal Aid Society is seeking law student candidates for a Summer 2026 intern/extern-ship. 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. Fluency in Spanish is preferred but not required. The internship is a full-time, unpaid position, though applicants are encouraged to seek external funding, work-study funding, or class credits.

The Individual Rights & Social Justice Practice Group at LAS works to ensure victims of crime have access to a full array of legal and social services. The IRSJ Practice Group primarily works with survivors of human trafficking, immigrant victims of crime, and individuals with certain employment-related legal concerns. This multi-disciplinary practice group engages in significant community outreach efforts and strives to ensure clients receive trauma informed services that address all of their needs, either through in-house services or by providing referrals to community partners.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Assist in completing immigration forms and applications;
2. Participate with attorneys in client interviews;
3. Research case law and procedure for effective client representation;
4. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to immigration, human trafficking, and crime victim rights representation;
5. Maintain client files; and
6. Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

1. Spanish language proficiency (preferred)
2. Strong research and writing skills;
3. The ability to communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, and co-workers;
4. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail;
5. Ability to work effectively on individual assignments and as part of a team;
6. Patience and professionalism while working diverse clients; and
7. A willingness to ask questions and seek to clarify assignments and responsibilities.

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to LASInterns@metrofamily.org. Please note in the subject line the position which you are applying for (Immigration). 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.