

AMARA LEGAL CENTER LEGAL INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Amara Legal Center is a legal services organization dedicated to providing free legal services to survivors of sex trafficking and to sex workers in the DC metro area. **Internships with Amara Legal Center are unpaid.** However, Amara is happy to assist students in applying for credit or funding from other sources.

Expected Intern Duties:

- Familiarizing him or herself with the law of expungement, custody, restraining orders, victim advocacy and public benefits in DC, Maryland and Virginia.
- Assisting Amara staff attorneys and pro-bono attorneys in general legal research for expungement of records cases, civil cases, criminal defense cases, and victim-witness advocacy.
- Writing a monthly blog post on issues surrounding Amara's work.
- Assisting with policy advocacy work, including researching current laws, writing policy memos about proposed legislation, going to working group meetings, and drafting testimony for legislative hearings.
- Accompanying Amara staff to important meetings with community stakeholders, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, media, and local and federal lawmakers.
- Assisting with organizational development projects, based on the intern's interest. Although the overwhelming majority of the intern's work will be legal work, the intern may help with organizational development, grant writing, social media and promotion projects, according to the intern's desire, skills and interests.

Qualifications

- Current enrollment in an accredited law school.
- Ability to work 10-20 hours a week during Fall and Spring; ability to work 30-40 hours during Summer (can be flexible on hours).
- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Demonstrated interest or knowledge in the areas of domestic violence law and/or sexual assault law, with a preference for those with experience or interest in human trafficking law and/or sex worker rights specifically is a plus.

Application Instructions:

Please email a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, writing sample of no more than 10 pages and a list of 2-3 references to Yvette Butler, Director of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, at yvette.butler@amaralegal.org.

Deadlines:

Fall: July 1

Spring: October 15

Summer: March 1

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, including after the listed deadlines. Applications submitted before the deadline will receive preference.

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