



Social Justice Legal Foundation:

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Summer 2023 Legal Internship

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WHO WE ARE

The Social Justice Legal Foundation (SJLF) is a nonprofit organization devoted to anti-carceral litigation and fighting against the police and carceral system.

Our startup nonprofit is driven by a dual mission: we train the next generation of civil rights lawyers, and we bring impactful and precedent-setting cases to fight oppression in the carceral system and beyond.

WHAT WE DO

We litigate cases that seek to combat the carceral system at all levels: from policing practices and arrests to conditions inside jails, prisons and discrimination in re-entry programs. Our litigation is rooted in movement lawyering, anti-carceral solutions, and abolitionist ideals.

We work closely with leading trial litigators, academics, and our grassroots, community, and movement partners to develop and lead our cases—and to intensively train fellows and interns.

We leverage our private sector backing, our independence, and our upstart momentum to bring aggressive trial-level cases in under resourced areas of California and around the country. We aim to bring fresh perspectives to some of the most intractable issues. We collaborate with law schools across the country, including Columbia, Howard, Northwestern, Stanford, UCLA, and Yale law schools to identify pressing legal issues and to mentor and develop law students.

OUR INTERNSHIP

We are looking for up to two rising 2L or 3L students to join our 2023 Summer Internship Program. As a summer intern you will join an active litigation team and work closely with our attorneys and fellows. We pride ourselves in providing hands-on experience and active training and mentoring.

We want students that are committed to social justice and that share our values and mission.

The 10-week internship will be based in our Los Angeles office. We offer a hybrid work schedule and will offer our interns a competitive stipend. To apply please send your resume and a writing sample, along with a cover letter that addresses the following questions: why do you

want to intern at SJLF? how have you shown commitment to social justice? what relevant professional, educational or personal experience make you a good fit for SJLF?

Internship application materials will be considered and interviews conducted on a rolling basis from the date of this posting, until the available positions are filled. The application period will close on February 24, 2023.

All application materials should be emailed to Kevin McKinnon at kmckinnon@socialjusticelaw.org and include "Summer 2023 Internship-Last and First Name" in the subject line of your email.