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American Civil Liberties Union of Texas

www.aclutx.org/

Austin, TX

ACLU of Texas has been fighting for civil rights in Texas since 1938. It specifically advocates the issues of: personal privacy, freedom from unreasonable searches, religious liberty, humane treatment of prisoners, reproductive rights, and freedom from unconstitutional discrimination.

Hannah Robertson: Worked on Border Justice and Immigrants' Legal Rights. Focused on challenging the conditions of confinement of detained immigrants and children, as well of investigating reports of law enforcement abuse and challenging the constitutionality of local anti-immigration ordinances.

American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, China Program

<http://www.abanet.org/rol/asia/china.html>

Beijing, China

Supports legal reform and rule of law in Asian countries. Since 2002, ABA Rule of Law Initiative Asia Division has been working to promote good governance and increase public interest advocacy in China. The Asia Division has also supported Chinese partners' efforts in the areas of criminal defense, property rights, legal aid, legal ethics, women's rights, environmental public interest litigation, migrant workers' rights, and children's rights. The Asia Division's China project is implemented by two American resident legal advisors based in Beijing.

Melvin Huang '10: The internship provided educational opportunities that are simply not available or possible from any American law school. I gained a greater appreciation and respect for every lawyer who is involved in Chinese legal reform. I completed assignments that allowed me to cross-

reference and do comparative research on American and Chinese law. The projects I was assigned included pro bono research, child sexual abuse, and open government information regulations recently passed in China. The internship is largely policy-oriented and does not necessarily produce immediate results. Go into this internship with the attitude of a marathoner, not a sprinter.

Language Requirement: Chinese language ability not required but extremely helpful.

American Gateways

www.americangateways.org

Austin, TX

American Gateways, formerly known as the Political Asylum Project of Austin, services Austin-area immigrants in a range of concerns including asylum, adjustment of status for family members, VOWA protection, and other immigration-related concerns.

Andrea Delisi, '05: Assisted with legal representation and know-your-rights programs for detained immigrants and worked on project aiding clients with immigrant status adjustments under the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA). PAPA is a wonderful organization with a great staff. Highly recommended.

Joey Neugart, '05: I won an Equal Justice Works Fellowship, which meant I received a stipend of around \$3,000 in return for about 150 hours of work over the course of a semester. I worked there for two semesters as a 1L and did mainly asylum case research and application drafting as well as worked as NACARA cases.

Mathew Wiley, '09: We traveled to Homeland Security detention centers in Pearsall and Taylor throughout the internship. During these visits we would observe a Legal Orientation Presentation by



an American Gateways attorney. Then we would do legal intakes with the inmates, answering their questions about the process and what remedies they might have. I also participated in preparing U-Visa applications.

Language Requirement: Spanish not required but extremely useful

Practice Areas: Refugees; Immigration; Women's Rights; Prisoner's Rights; Indigenous Rights

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org

Washington, D.C.

Contact: Alison Collins

Amnesty International (AI) is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. In pursuit of this vision, AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights.

Elise Harriger, '08: Provided advocacy, lobbying, and grassroots organizing.

Language Requirement: Spanish/French helpful for Refugee Department

Practice Areas: Refugee/Political asylum law; policy

Beijing University Women's Legal Aid Center (The Center for Law Studies and Legal Aid of Peking University)

www.womenofchina.cn

Beijing, China

The Center for Women's Law & Legal Services of Peking University was established in 1995. The Center is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that is the first of its kind in China, devoted to providing legal aid and studying women's rights. The Center aims at increasing women's awareness of their rights and improving their ability to protect such rights.

Mimi Yu, '09: In charge of all meetings and correspondence between the attorney in New York, the Mexican Embassy, the client, the FBI, and the Center. Also worked on two independent projects.

Language Requirement: Mandarin (verbal proficiency)

Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

<http://www.bradycenter.org/legalaction>

Washington, D.C.

Contact: Dan Vice

Leading gun violence prevention organization in the country. Legal Action Project sues gun manufacturers, distributors and retailers under products liability, negligence and nuisance theories to recover costs associated with gun violence.

Scott Medlock, '05: Paid internship position; worked closely with attorneys on gun violence litigation work. Opportunities also exist to do work associated with the Center's lobbying efforts.

Brazil Ministry of the Environment Office of the Legal Advisor

www.mma.gov.br

Brasília, Brazil

Contact: Prof. Antonio Benjamin (UT School of Law) or Gustavo Trindade (MMA - Brazil)

John Tustin, '06: I worked in the Office of the Legal Advisor (Consultório Jurídico) in the Ministry of Environment. Most of my work consisted of independent research on biodiversity, intellectual property and the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity into Brazilian law. I performed some comparative research for staff attorneys and participated in monthly meetings at the Conselho do Gestão do Patrimônio Genético (CGEN), the agency responsible for access to and development of Brazil's genetic resources. I also assisted with the UT Law professors' conferences in August in Goiânia and Brasília.

Language Requirement: Portuguese or Spanish

Practice Areas: Environmental Law; Trade Law; Indigenous Rights



**Brazilian Ministry of Justice
Consumer Protection Department**

www.mj.gov.br/dpdc

Brasilia, Brazil

This is the main Brazilian governmental organization directed towards the establishment of common national policies for consumer protection.

Lucas Lixinski, '05: Usually, interns are assigned an independent project not related to the usual activities of the organization. In past years, interns have dealt with legislation projects affecting consumer law, GMO labeling and the Codex Alimentarius and consumer protection networks in Latin America.

Language Requirement: Portuguese
Practice Areas: General Human Rights

Bridges Across Borders

www.bridgesacrossborders.org

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Contact: Michael Otto

Bridges Across Borders is an international, non-governmental organization that was formed to address the root causes of violence and hatred in the world.

Anne Shapere, '09: Assisted community legal education efforts, worked on child labor law and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, and provided legal outreach services to some of Cambodia's poorest people: the inhabitants of the Stung Meanchey Landfill.

Timothy Shaw, '10: Spent a majority of time developing interactive, community legal education training curriculum for use in the Cambodian context, including subjects of rights, law and the legal system, and review and citation of the internal, procedural rules of the Extraordinary Chambers of the Courts of Cambodia. Participated in light field testing.

Necessary Background: One year of law school
Practice Areas: Property; Family Law; Domestic Violence; Criminal Law

**Carr Center for Human Rights Policy
(JFK School of Government, Harvard University)**

www.ksg.harvard.edu/cchrp

Cambridge, MA

The Carr Center critically examines the policies and actions of governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other actors that affect the realization of human rights around the world. Led by Director Michael Ignatieff and Executive Director Fernande Raine, the Center sponsors a fellows program, a human rights policy speaker series, and research and working groups on the decision to intervene, the use of military force, policy responses to genocide, democratic responses to terrorism, and the opportunities and challenges human rights NGOs face in the contemporary world, among other topics.

Jeremy Freeman, '06: I worked as a research assistant to Michael Ignatieff and Samantha Power on two chief projects: "American exceptionalism" and U.S. foreign policy responses to genocide. I also researched and helped plan conferences as part of the Center's project on the means of intervention. The Carr Center has a regular internship program, and law students have participated in the program in the past.

Casa Alianza

<http://www.casa-alianzamexico.org>

Mexico City, Mexico

Casa Alianza is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and defense of street children in Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua. Casa Alianza runs special centers dedicated to helping girls who are pregnant and children with HIV/AIDS and substance abuse problems.

Paola Marusich, '06: My first experience with Casa Alianza was as a Street Educator. I spent my days working with street children in their environment-engaging in popular education regarding their human rights and administering basic first aid and sexual health information. Subsequently I worked in the Legal Aid department. Here, I worked at the municipal, national, and international law level as an advocate of street children's rights. My work ranged from the processing of basic identifi-



cation papers for undocumented children at city hall to lobbying at the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: Children's Rights; Indigenous Rights; Prisoner's Rights

Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (University of California, Hastings College of Law)

<http://cgrs.uchastings.edu>

San Francisco, CA

Karla Vargas, '09: Conducted human rights research on gender-based persecution and developed advocacy tools helpful to women seeking asylum across the country.

Center for Governance and Development

<http://www.cgd.or.ke>

Nairobi, Kenya

Edward Valdespino, '10: I was able to learn about the Kenyan Parliamentary legal system and how it operates in the global, African, and East African legal structures. I helped draft legislation, policy briefs, and bill digests. . . Overall the experience was very valuable. I learned a lot about different legal and political systems and a lot about human rights work in East Africa.

Language Requirement: Though Swahili was spoken regularly, all business was conducted in English.

Center for Justice and International Law

www.cejil.org/pasantias.cfm

Washington, D.C.

The Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization with consultative status before the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations (UN) and observer status before the African Commission of Human Rights. CEJIL is the first organization to offer an integrated program of defense, free legal consulting, education and oversight of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.



Ben Fleming, '05: Worked within the Inter-American System of the OAS prosecuting states for various violations of human rights. In my case, this work included research, writing, and case development primarily in regard to paramilitary groups in Colombia. Other work involved research on the comparative role of the UN and of the OAS in Haiti, and research regarding the obligation of exhausting domestic (national) procedures before admittance to the Inter-American System.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Center for Public Interest Law

<http://www.cepil.org.gh>

Accra, Ghana

The Center for Public Interest Law (CEPIL) continually strives for justice and fairness in Ghana, especially for the poor and marginalized in society by working to improve democratic governance, rule of law and ensuring accountability of public and private actors through advocacy, litigation, social mobilization and research.

Center for Strategic and International Studies

<http://csis.org>

Washington, D.C.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) is a private, nonpartisan think tank dedicated to providing world leaders with strategic insights on, and policy solutions to, current and emerging global issues.

Paola Marusich, '06: I spent my 1L summer as a visiting fellow doing independent research on the linkages between human smuggling and terrorism. CSIS has a vast network that I was able to use heavily to facilitate my research. I spent most of days in meetings with government officials, at conferences, reading, and writing. This is a wonderful place to work if you are interested in policy-making.

Practice Areas: Immigration; Trade; Post-Conflict

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante

www.cdmigrante.org

Zacateas, Mexico/ Washington, D.C.

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. was founded to address the intimidation factor that prevents many migrants from connecting with advocates in the United States and to address abuses that accompany migrant work in the US.

The organization regularly welcomes law students as unpaid interns. The interns would join a dynamic bi-national team supporting the transnational migrant workers' rights movement. The intern will develop and conduct labor and employment law know-your-rights trainings for migrants before they leave for the US; engage in ongoing litigation efforts to protect and enhance the rights of migrants; support a growing network of migrant leaders; participate in CDM's policy analysis program; and collaborate with partner organizations in Mexico and the US.

Language Requirement: Spanish for work in Mexico

Checchi and Company

www.chechiconsulting.com

Worldwide

Checchi has had a pioneering role in supporting USAID initiatives to strengthen the rule of law and the legal foundations for sustainable economic growth. Checchi has completed assignments related to the modernization of legal frameworks and the reform of judicial systems in Latin America, Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. The company is presently implementing major USAID-funded judicial and legal reform programs in Afghanistan, Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.

Tanner Neidhardt, '06: The work for an intern can be quite substantive: I worked with the Ministerio de Justicia, developing a new remittance program for Public Defenders. I did a report on the Best Practices of university consultorios jurídicos, the equivalent of U.S. legal clinics, which meant I spent considerable time in and out of the universities of Bogotá. I gave lectures to classes having their first lessons in the trial system and researched the success of that system in other Latin American countries. The office's work is very sweeping, however, and an intern could do a

whole range of other activities, depending on her goals. For instance, the Casas de Justicia project, one-stop locations for legal services in low-income urban areas, is one of the best programs in the office; and that sector is more than willing to receive help.

Raegen Rogers, '09: The most substantial projects on which I worked were evaluating the proposed, new Constitution and revising the Code of Criminal Procedure. I wrote several memos for these projects. The internship was a great opportunity to understand the law and politics of Bolivia from an inside perspective. Once a week I traveled to Access to Justice centers within the state of La Paz. The placement was great and I highly recommend it.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: General Human Rights

Colorado State Public Defender

<http://pdweb.coloradodefenders.us>

Denver, CO

The Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) is a nonprofit organization in Denver, Colorado dedicated to providing legal information and representation to non-citizens detained by the Department of Homeland Security.

Hector Suarez, '09: Not only did I learn a lot about immigration law, criminal law, and criminal procedure, but I also got to experience the work and life of non-profit lawyers and Public Defenders. I got a lot of practice with research and writing and became comfortable dealing with clients who were usually in extremely dire circumstances.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: Criminal Law, Immigration Law

Congreso de la República del Peru

www.congreso.gob.pe

Lima, Peru

The Congreso de la República del Peru is the independent and sovereign institution in which Peruvian legislative power resides.



Jim Sanford, '05: I was assigned to the office of the Official Mayor, the highest ranking, non-elected functionary in the Congress. Within his office, I worked mainly with the Congressional Parliamentarian and his legal advisers, for whom I did projects ranging from constitutional and parliamentary rules interpretation to comparative analysis.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Consejo de la Judicatura del Estado de Nuevo León

www.cjudicatura.nl.gob.mx

Monterrey, Mexico

An organization to help reform the judicial system of the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

UT Law Student: Plan the logistics and assist in the preparation of the materials for four judicial training workshops, which were funded by a USAID grant. These workshops were intended to increase the professionalism of the judiciary of the states of Nuevo Leon and the adjacent states. I also supervised the creation of the projects Web site and was responsible for collaborating with UT counterparts in reporting back to US AID in monthly reports.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Due Process of Law Foundation

<http://www.dplf.org>

Washington, D.C.

Contact: Laura Park (info@dplf.org)

The Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that seeks to promote the reform and modernization of national justice systems in the Western Hemisphere, specially in Latin America and the Caribbean, to ensure that the rule of law, as that concept is understood in democratic societies, becomes the hallmark of the justice system in each country in the region. DPLF began its activities with a conference on criminal justice reform in 1998. Through its activities, DPLF promotes the rule of law and the institutions and conditions necessary to strengthen respect for human rights in democratic societies.

Language Requirement: Spanish



Equal Justice Center

www.equaljusticecenter.org

Austin, TX

Contact: Bill Beardall

The Equal Justice Center assists low-income workers in recovering wages earned but never paid, while building solidarity and community among the immigrant population.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: General Human Rights, Immigration

European Court of Justice

<http://curia.europa.eu>

Luxembourg

The European Court of Justice (EJC) ensures that EU legislation is interpreted and applied in the same way in each member state. In other words, that it is always identical for all parties and in all circumstances. The Court has the power to settle legal disputes between member states, EU institutions, businesses and individuals.

Kenza Margaoui, '04: I get to write preliminary opinions, report for hearings and even a judgment in addition to the classical memos and research notes. It definitely improved my legal writing skills a lot. Seeing how the Court works from the inside is a very enriching experience since there are so many things we don't know or even suspect from an outsider perspective regarding the judges' work and the decision-making process.

Language Requirement: French

Ghana Supreme Court

<http://www.judicial.gov.gh>

Accra, Ghana

Ryan Cicero, '10: My experience was extremely positive. I clerked for a Justice who was brilliant, hard-working, and reform minded. I was fortunate to have a Justice who knew what he wanted from me. I helped draft opinions, researched cases, helped him write speeches, went to conferences with him, observed court and took notes, among other duties. Complaints I have heard from others working in Africa for Courts and NGOs is that there is not enough work, no meaningful feedback, and lack of resources making work nearly impossible. That being said, Africa is a totally dif-

ferent experience from anything you can get here and I would recommend it to anyone.

Gisha: Center for the Legal Protection of Freedom of Movement

<http://www.gisha.org>

Tel Aviv, Israel

Gisha is an Israeli not-for-profit organization that seeks to protect the fundamental rights of Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories by imposing human rights law as a limitation on the behavior of Israel's military. Gisha engages in litigation and advocacy that aim to help individuals exercise their right to freedom of movement while working for systemic change in military practices and abuses at Israeli border-crossings and checkpoints. Gisha exploits untapped potential for law reform effectuated through intensive engagement with the military bureaucracy, including administrative advocacy and negotiation. Gisha focuses on the Gaza Strip, a severely underserved area whose viability depends on the ability of people and goods to move in and out of its borders.

Language Requirement: Arabic-speakers especially welcome, but not necessary.

Practice Areas: Litigation and Advocacy, Administrative Advocacy and Negotiation

Global Rights-Latin America Program

www.globalrights.org

Washington, D.C.

Global Rights is a human rights advocacy group that partners with local activists to challenge injustice and amplify new voices within the global discourse. Its Latin America program is a dynamic, capacity building approach to promote the rights of Afro-Latinos, indigenous peoples, women and other marginalized communities.

Description of the Internship: The intern will have responsibility to assist the Program Director on two main issues; our Colombia Program and the initiative on the Inter-American Convention against Racial Discrimination at the Organization of American States. Such duties can include translating documents, systematizing information; improve our website information and organizing events.

Language Requirement: Excellent oral/written communication skills in English, Spanish and/or Portuguese.

Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA

www.ghrc-usa.org

Guatemala City, Guatemala

The Guatemala Human Rights Commission/USA (GHRC/USA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, humanitarian organization founded in 1982 to monitor, document and report on the human rights situation in Guatemala. GHRC/USA also promotes advocacy for and aid to those who have suffered human rights violations in Guatemala.

Noel Bouche, '05: Prepared reports from Guatemala City on human rights conditions; met with local human rights groups to develop communication and relationships; volunteered with Casa Alianza to report on statistics and accompany street educators working with homeless children; obtained affidavits /evidence from family members and submitted own affidavit to assist GHRC and Holland & Knight with Guatemalan man's asylum case. The GHRC is based in Washington, DC and does not have formal operations or internship positions in Guatemala, although they do arrange fact-finding trips and elections observations. Due to that lack of physical contact with the office, a lack of communication at various points during the summer, and financial pressures that the office was facing during the summer, there was a dearth of direction and feedback over my 11 weeks there. I would not dissuade anyone from contacting the GHRC, however; indeed, the ground has now been broken with respect to placing legal interns in the Guatemala.

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.

www.hrionline.org

Dallas, Texas

Human Rights Initiative of North Texas promotes international human rights through local service to refugees and immigrants who have suffered human rights abuses.

Noam Greenspan, '10: I worked on many legal writing projects to include and affidavit, direct exami-



nation questions, legal memos on specific case-based questions, and editing of several affidavits and briefs. The international focus was researching the country conditions of the various asylum clients, though the internship focused primarily on US immigration law. The internship was extremely valuable and highly recommend it.

Human Rights Watch

www.hrw.org

Worldwide

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is the largest human rights organization based in the United States. HRW researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world.

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Children's Rights; Prisoner's Rights; Refugees; Trade; Women's Rights

Indian Law Resource Center Legal Internship Opportunities

<http://www.indianlaw.org>

Washington, D.C.

Indian Law Resource Center is a non-profit law and advocacy organization established and directed by American Indians. It provides legal assistance to Indian and Alaska Native nations who are working to protect their lands, resources, human rights, environment and cultural heritage. Its principal goal is the preservation and well-being of Indian and other Native nations and tribes.

The Center provides legal assistance to indigenous peoples of the Americas to combat racism and oppression, to protect their lands and environment, to protect their cultures and ways of life, to achieve sustainable economic development and genuine self-government, and to realize their other human rights. It seeks to overcome the grave problems that threaten Native peoples by advancing the rule of law, by establishing national and international legal standards that preserve their human rights and dignity, and by challenging the governments of the world to accord justice and equality before the law to all indigenous peoples of the Americas.

Many law student-specific internships are available such as participation in negotiation sessions on the Draft American Declaration and meetings between OAS Member States and Indigenous Delegations, and providing indigenous leaders and organizations in Mexico, Central and South America with the legal and political tools they need to promote their rights and defend their communities.

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

www.cidh.org

Washington, D.C.

Contact: Isabel Madariaga

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is one of two bodies in the Inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Americas, and functions as an autonomous organ of the Organization of American States (OAS).

In carrying out its mandate, the IACHR, among many duties: a) Receives, analyzes and investigates individual petitions which allege human rights violations; b) Observes the general human rights situation in the member States and publishes special reports regarding the situation in a specific State, when it considers it appropriate; c) Carries out on-site visits to countries to engage in more in-depth analysis of the general situation and/or to investigate a specific situation; d) Organizes and carries out conferences, seminars and meetings with representatives of Governments, academic institutions, non-governmental groups, etc.; f) Recommends to the member States of the OAS the adoption of measures which would contribute to human rights protection; g) Requests States to adopt specific "precautionary measures" to avoid serious and irreparable harm to human rights in urgent cases.

Rachel Lopez, '08: Interned at the Rapporteurship on Indigenous Rights. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations about human rights cases regarding indigenous rights or protection of life issues. Knowledge of the Latin American legal system extremely helpful.

Language Requirement: Fluency in legal Spanish

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Latin America



Inter-American Court of Human Rights

www.corteidh.or.cr

San José, Costa Rica

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights was established by the Organization of American States to hear claims against member states arising under the American Convention on Human Rights, other human rights treaties, and customary international law.

Tamara Joana Biolo Soares: I worked on two cases for the past judgment session, which took place in early September. My main responsibility was researching jurisprudence from international tribunals and briefing parts of the cases, such as the testimony of the witnesses and experts. I had the chance to watch the judges' deliberations on both of these cases, which was the highlight of my internship. After the judgment session, I participated in the validation of the decisions. The goal of this process is to review the whole text as well as every proven fact in the decision before the parties are notified. I have had a great experience here in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Yasmin Yavar, '04: During my clerkship at the Court I worked with a team of attorneys comprised of a senior staff attorney and two junior staff attorneys. I worked mostly on two cases against the State of Guatemala. Aside from conducting research and writing, I was able to work with the Court's judges during the December 2003 session of the Court. During that session the final judgments in both cases were completed.

Language Requirement: Spanish and preferably Portuguese

Practice Areas: General Human Rights

International Humanity Foundation

www.ihfonline.org

San Diego, CA (Head Office)

Contact: Juma Kiplenge (kiplogom@yahoo.co.uk)

International Humanity Foundation is a non-profit organization that prevents children in Kenya, Thailand and Indonesia from becoming sexual slaves and forced into labor by the mafia by providing orphanages and educational facilities that teach them English, computer skills, and leadership skills.



Practice Areas: African Law; Child Trafficking

International Commission of Jurists

www.icj.org/

Geneva, Switzerland

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is dedicated to the primacy, coherence and implementation of international law and principles that advance human rights. The ICJ provides legal expertise at both the international and national levels to ensure that developments in international law adhere to human rights principles and that international standards are implemented at the national level.

Language Requirement: English and/or French

International Committee of the Red Cross

<http://www.icrc.org>

Geneva, Switzerland

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance. The ICRC also endeavors to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

Language Requirement: An excellent command of both French and English (fluency in one and very good working knowledge of the other). Candidates with knowledge of additional language such as Russian, Arabic and Spanish are particularly encouraged to apply.

International Consortium for Law and Development

www.iclad-law.org

Boston, MA

Contact: Lorna Seitz (lseitz@iclad-law.org)

The International Consortium for Law and Development works with legislative drafters, legislators, students, and political leaders in nations all over the world to teach their problem-solving method for responsible legislative drafting and to help lawmakers meet their goal of drafting more effective, enforceable legislation.

Annelies Lottmann, '08: Interns learn the Consortium's methodology for problem solving and legislative drafting, and work with Lorna Seitz to prepare research papers for upcoming drafting projects.

Necessary Background: One year of law school or graduate school.

International Criminal Court

<http://www.icc-cpi.int>

The Hague, The Netherlands

The International Criminal Court (ICC) was established by the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in 1998. The ICC is the first permanent, treaty-based, international criminal court established to promote the rule of law and ensure that the gravest international crimes do not go unpunished.

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

www.icttr.org

Arusha, Tanzania

Kelly Stephenson, '10: I helped to research and draft several decisions primarily on evidentiary motions, researched ICTR and ICTY jurisprudence, and drafted a memo analyzing conspiracy charges. Interns need to take the initiative to receive updates on security concerns and remain diligent. My experience was very rewarding. I was given many opportunities to work on interesting legal issues and engage with legal professionals. I was also given the opportunity to visit Rwanda. The ICTR staff was welcoming and frequently hosted social functions.

Language Requirement: French helpful

Practice Area: International Criminal Law

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda - Office of the Prosecutor

www.icttr.org

Arusha, Tanzania

Contact: Felicia Madegani

The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) was established in order to help resolve the difficult situation left behind after the Rwandan genocide. The tribunal has legitimate jurisdiction over and ability to extradite many former Rwandan officials who are suspected of participating in the genocide.

Ben Fleming, '05: Due to budgetary constraints within the UN, interns at the ICTR are given a great deal of responsibility, which means very interesting work. Thus far (three weeks), I have personally written a motion and the accompanying brief in one case, am working on an amended indictment and the pre-trial brief in another case, and have traveled to Rwanda to help conduct interviews with both detainee and civilian witnesses. These cases involve those people who are allegedly most responsible for the planning and the committing of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

Siavash Rahbari, '05: Most of my work has involved helping the trial attorneys prepare for trial. This involves organizing and interpreting previous evidence or investigating defense witnesses in order to help cross examination. I have also done some research into jurisprudence in order to help write reply briefs.

Erin Ruble: I have been assigned to the team prosecuting the top military officials, who were heavily involved in running the country immediately after the death of President Habyarimana. The size and complexity of the case necessitates a very active involvement in case management. I have worked on preparing witnesses for court, sorting and categorizing evidence, and researching and writing briefs. I have watched the proceedings in court.

Jim Sanford, '05: I was assigned to the trial of an ex-FAR military officer, later regional politician, who currently faces two counts of genocide and two counts of crimes against humanity for his role in



planning, ordering, and executing the genocide in the Gikongoro region of Rwanda. In preparation for the trial, I assisted with witness confirmation interviews (including one week in the field in Rwanda), evaluated and organized evidence, and undertook a critical analysis of the alibi evidence. Working with some of the same evidence, I helped in the development of indictments of several other targets from the same region in Rwanda. Aside from trial preparation, I also conducted several research projects, including a comparative study of exclusionary rules (France, Germany, U.K., U.S.), and drafted memoranda for use by the trial team.

Language Requirement: French helpful
Practice Areas: International Criminal Law

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

www.un.org/icty

The Hague, The Netherlands

The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) was created in 1991 to investigate and prosecute serious crimes in the former Yugoslavia from 1991 onward.

UT Law Student: There were a number of different projects available to clerks, all very interesting. I was assigned to the Milosevic case. We started each morning with an 8:15 a.m. meeting to discuss relevant legal and political matters affecting the Milosevic case. For instance, in Belgrade, Former Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was assassinated while I was clerking. That political matter deeply worried some witnesses who were requesting protection. I was in charge of drafting those orders. The day would be then filled with numerous tasks related to the Tribunal's work. For instance, I drafted a speech for Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte to give to the diplomatic community. I interviewed a convicted war criminal in a proofing session at the UN detention center in preparation for his testimony to the Milosevic trial chamber. I helped edit the closing brief in the Bosanski Samac case, which addressed war crimes perpetrated by the members of the municipal Crisis Staff and the Yugoslav National Army in Bosanac Samac, and helped prepare the indictments against Jovica Stanisic and Frenki Simatovic, the former heads of the Serbian Security Department, who are accused of controlling the

paramilitaries that committed murder, torture, persecution, and forced deportation. And during the Milosevic trial I sat second chair and passed redirect questions to Prosecutor Dermot Groome at the trial.

Language Requirement: French, Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian useful but not necessary
Practice Areas: International Criminal Law

International Justice Project

www.internationaljusticeproject.org

County Durham, England

The International Justice Project offers a hands-on experience for students from around the world to immerse themselves in the interdisciplinary realities of capital punishment research.

Practice Areas: Capital punishment, international law

International Crisis Group

www.crisisgroup.org

A non-government, non-profit organization that works through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to resolve and prevent deadly conflict.

Judicial Watch

www.judicialwatch.org/intern.shtml

Judicial Watch is a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law. The legal department of Judicial Watch looks for interns with previous legal research experience to help complete document research, citation checking, proofing of briefs and Freedom of Information Act requests. Preference given to current law students.

Kurdish Human Rights Project

www.khrp.org

London, England

Kurdish Human Rights Project is the only human rights non-governmental organization working consistently in the Kurdish regions that is completely independent of political affiliation.



Kari Erickson: Helped prosecute human rights violations that occur in the Kurdish regions of Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Syria, and worked particularly with OSCE, European Court of Human Rights and relevant branches of the UN to bring relief to these areas.

Legal Aid Society

www.legal-aid.org

New York, NY

Contact: Janet Sabel (jsabel@legal-aid.org)

The Legal Aid Society is the nation's oldest and largest provider of legal services to the indigent. Founded in 1876, the Society provides a full range of civil legal services as well as criminal defense work, and juvenile rights representation in Family Court. Its core service is to provide free legal assistance to New Yorkers who live at or below the poverty level and cannot afford to hire a lawyer when confronted with a legal problem.

Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit represents long-term residents who are at risk of being deported. The Unit represents clients who have criminal issues complicating their applications for relief under immigration law.

Ashley Morris, '06: As a legal intern, I was assigned to one supervising attorney. I assisted her in legal research, strategizing potential relief for clients. I also had lots of client contact following up on collecting supporting documentation to support their claim for relief. I did research to help prepare many supporting affidavits. I also did some criminal statutory research from various jurisdictions to determine the client's record, and the consequences under immigration law. My assignments were challenging, but my supervision was adequate to support my education in immigration law. Other interns wrote briefs for Second Circuit appeals.

Language Requirement: Knowledge of other languages useful

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Immigration

Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica

<http://www.asamblea.go.cr>

San José, Costa Rica

Raegen Rogers, '09: Accessed the effects of the Central American Free Trade Agreement and proposed policy recommendations for the successful implementation of the trade agreement in regard to the poorest sector of the economy.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Legislative Assembly of El Salvador

<http://www.asamblea.gob.sv>

San Salvador, El Salvador

Gregory Krauss, '07: The Salvadoran Assembly has a history of operating behind closed doors and with little independence from the executive branch. The project I worked on was aimed at solving some of these problems by increasing public participation in the legislative process. The program had several components, including the organization of townhall-style forums and the opening of regional Assembly offices where constituents could meet with their representatives. When I arrived, USAID's involvement in the project was coming to an end, so my task was to evaluate the project's effectiveness and the degree to which it had become institutionalized as a permanent program within the Assembly. My group of UT interns (2 LBJ students and another UT Law student) in the end compiled a 200-page report in Spanish on the program, along with a shorter executive summary. The report is intended for Salvadoran legislators, employees of the Assembly involved in the program, USAID, and the University of Texas' representatives in the Assembly. Its main conclusion is that the program opened up many avenues of public participation, but that Salvadoran legislators, constrained by party politics, don't take into account enough what they learn from the public.

Jennifer Landside: Primarily, I did legal research for the legislative commission studying the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Specifically, I completed a lengthy memo explaining the process of ratification and implementation of a free trade agreement such as the CAFTA in the United States; the status of the CAFTA, if ratified by Congress, in U.S. domestic law; and the result if a provision of the CAFTA were to conflict with



a U.S. federal or state law. In addition to this sort of research, I also participated in a group project evaluating the success of the USAID project in El Salvador over the last five years.

Adam Wheat, '05: I was involved in work aimed at educating the local population, specifically school children, on the workings of the democratic process in El Salvador and the importance of citizen participation in a functioning democracy. Additionally, I was tasked with aiding the development of new legislation in El Salvador by providing information on the regulatory framework in the U.S. over areas in which legislators were considering passing legislation, as both a means of reference and a presentation of options by which the government there could accomplish the results desired in their own legal system.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Legal Research Project

Kathmandu, Nepal

Bridgett Mayeux, '10: The LRP is housed out of a Nepali NGO. I was worked with translators and Nepali lawyers. Interns work together to compile international human rights cases. Tasks include conducting legal research, collecting evidence, interviewing, and drafting affidavits and memos. The ability to work and live independently is absolutely required, as this is not a structured program. Field work is a possibility. The LRP does not have a website, but can be found on PSLawNet. I highly recommend this internship. It was a wonderful experience. Be prepared to adapt to circumstances that may arise.

Language Requirement: Not required.

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas

Austin, TX

Contact: Randall Ellis (randall@lgrl.org)

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL) works toward the elimination of social, legal, and economic discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity through lobbying, education, and research directed toward the Texas Legislature and other state government agencies. LGRL is a statewide membership organization with members from every region of Texas. They have an

executive director and a small staff in Austin, and are guided by a Board of Directors composed of members residing in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio.

Ruben Baeza Jr., '06: Conducted legal and legislative research on issues such same-sex marriage, employment discrimination, the education non-discrimination act, and a district lobbying program for the 2005 Texas Legislative Session. Internship was conducted jointly with the ACLU's Gay and Lesbian Rights Project with Will Harrell as supervising attorney.

Ministerio Publico do Estado de Sao Paulo

www.mp.sp.gov.br

Sao Paulo, Brazil

Governmental body that is the equivalent of the State Attorney General's office for Sao Paulo.

Dana Stringer: I worked with public prosecutors to develop and enforce hazardous material and water pollution policy. Interpreted U.S. environmental case law and translated law review articles for Brazilian policymakers. Drafted a paper on the right to water as a human and a constitutional right in Brazil.

David Weiss, '06: I worked as an intern. Loosely organized internship. You must be pro-active in finding interesting work. Great position to do research.

Language Requirement: Portuguese or Spanish

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Children's Rights; Environmental; Health

Office of the High Representative

www.ohr.int

Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina

Chief international organization in Bosnia and Herzegovina that oversees civilian implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords ending the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina .

Andrea Delisi, '05: Legal intern in the Criminal Institutions and Prosecutorial Reform Unit; analyzed national laws and legal systems to assess future of domestic war crime adjudications; researched whether possible to apply 2003 criminal



code retroactively to adjudicate cases of war crimes committed during 1992-95 conflict and relevant international human rights principles (e.g., *nulum crimen, nulla poena sine lege*); assessed whether instituting state-level war crimes chamber violated terms of international treaties or contradicted Bosnian constitutions and entity (sub-state) laws.

Necessary Background: Prior work experience in Bosnia-Herzegovina and/or in-depth knowledge about the region, history, culture, war, and Dayton would be essential to make the internship worthwhile.

Language Requirement: Knowledge of Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian useful

Practice Areas: Post-Conflict

Open Society Justice Initiative

<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice>

New York, NY (Head Office)

The Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI) uses law to protect and empower people around the world. Through litigation, advocacy, research, and technical assistance, the Justice Initiative promotes human rights and builds legal capacity for open societies. It fosters accountability for international crimes, combat racial discrimination and statelessness, support criminal justice reform, address abuses related to national security and counterterrorism, expand freedom of information and expression, and stem corruption linked to the exploitation of natural resources. OSJI staff are based in Abuja, Almaty, Amsterdam, Brussels, Budapest, Freetown, The Hague, London, Mexico City, New York, Paris, Phnom Penh, and Washington, D.C.

Red de Defensores por los Derechos Humanos

San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico

Contact: Shannon Speed, UT Department of Anthropology (sspeed@mail.utexas.edu)

The Red de Defensores has been internationally recognized by human rights authorities for its innovative approach to defending indigenous and human rights in Chiapas.

Jenny Walker, '05: I created a report detailing state responsibility for and acquiescence in human

rights abuses against human rights defenders in Chiapas. I interviewed dozens of human rights workers who had endured threats, intimidation, media smear campaigns, assault, attempted murder, and other abuses because of their role as human rights defenders in the state. In addition, the report analyzed these incidents with respect to international human rights laws, and made recommendations to the state government for how to appropriately work with human rights activists in Chiapas. The report, once translated, will be submitted to the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Human Rights communities in Mexico, and to the UN and Inter-American Commissions on Human Rights. The other attorneys in the office are very helpful when need be, but will afford an intern all the latitude in the world to explore areas of individual interest. Interns, therefore, must be self-starters, but have the opportunity to work among other attorneys and academics doing cutting-edge human rights work. The experience is invaluable for any law student who wants to learn about international law, human rights law, indigenous rights, third world development, the intersection of conservation, bio-diversity, and human rights, and the Zapatista movement, which is radically changing the political landscape in Chiapas.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: Indigenous Rights

Sin Fronteras

www.sinfronteras.org.mx

Mexico City, Mexico

Contact: Gigi Bonnicci; Elba Corria

Sin Fronteras (Without Borders) is a non-governmental organization that provides immigration, political asylum, and social services.

Necessary Background: One year of law school

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: Political Asylum, Migration, and Human Trafficking



South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project

<http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/immigration/probar.shtml>

Harlingen, TX

The South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR) is a national effort to provide pro bono legal services to asylum seekers detained in South Texas by the United States government. The project recruits, trains and coordinates the activities of volunteer attorneys, law students and legal assistants. ProBAR is a joint project of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Alex Hinojosa, '09: The internship focused mainly around immigration law. In order to be successful in that field, one must also learn international law. Many of the clients were from Central American countries. In order to better understand them and their background one must research their respective country conditions.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Practice Areas: Immigration Law

Suprema Corte de Justicia Nacional

www.scjn.gob.mx

Mexico City, Mexico

The Suprema Corte de Justicia Nacional is the highest constitutional court of the country and head of the judicial power of the Federation.

UT Law Student: Presented two conferences on the U.S. judicial system; translated an important abortion case from Spanish into English; attended Supreme Court votes; and researched various aspects of Mexican law including amparo (roughly analogous to due process) law.

Language requirement: Spanish

Texas Civil Rights Project

www.texascivilrightsproject.org

Austin, TX

Contact: Wayne Krause

The Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) promotes racial, social, and economic justice through education and litigation. TCRP strives to foster equality,

secure justice, ensure diversity, and strengthen communities. TCRP was founded in 1990 as part of Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido, a non-profit community-based foundation located in South Texas.

Since its beginning, TCRP has achieved substantial system gains in ensuring justice for all Texans. TCRP uses education and litigation to make structural change in areas such as voting rights, police and border patrol misconduct, sex discrimination, employment bias, privacy, disability rights, grand jury discrimination, traditional civil liberties (i.e. free speech), and Title IX in secondary education. TCRP also conducts a program under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Immigration

Texas Human Rights Foundation

Houston, TX

The Texas Human Rights Foundation (THRF) serves the community by working to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons and those living with HIV/AIDS.

Preston Findlay, '05: Each summer, THRF funds a first- or second-year law student to work as a summer intern specializing in public interest law. The intern works under the supervision of a licensed Texas attorney and operates the hotline, researches current issues and writes a paper or puts together materials for a planned series of continuing legal education seminars. Areas of interest in the coming summers may be research on same-sex marriage and the criminal transmission of HIV. My work consisted mainly of screening calls to the THRF Legal Hotline, researching questions raised by callers, and preparing a pamphlet (about 10-15 pages) answering basic question about Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Rights in Texas.

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Health

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

www.trla.org

Edinburg, TX

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, or "TRLA," as it is known in some circles, is a non-profit corporation



that provides free civil and criminal legal services to indigent residents of Southwest Texas. It is the principal provider of a broad range of civil legal services in 68 Texas counties, and its Public Defender Division staff serves persons accused of crimes in 8 counties. Program headquarters are in Weslaco, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, with branch offices located in Austin, El Paso, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Harlingen, Edinburg, Laredo, Sinton, and Victoria.

There are three dozen different practice areas in which TRLA attorneys specialize, including community economic development, federal taxation, colonias and real estate, civil rights, environmental justice, low-wage workers, displaced workers, workers compensation, public benefits, disaster assistance, federally subsidized housing, mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, wills and estates, torts and general civil litigation, border issues, immigration, human trafficking, international child abduction, elder law, children's rights, and foster youth.

TRLA provides services in civil and criminal litigation, operates hot-lines and other phone-based services, engages in community legal education, and supports other area service providers. TRLA collaborates with a number of nonprofit organizations throughout the state including domestic violence shelters, community development corporations, and housing and revitalization organizations to name a few.

Gregory Krauss, '07: This was a very valuable experience for me. I worked to protect the housing rights of low-income tenants, often going to JP court with clients. I had lots of responsibility as I was an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer. Most summer interns do more typical kinds of legal research.

Language Requirement: Spanish

Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federacion

<http://www.trife.gob.mx>

Culhuacán, Mexico

Contact: Sarah Cline (scline@law.utexas.edu)

The Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary in Mexico specializes in electoral matters, such as

resolving federal election disputes and certifying elections of the President of the Republic.

UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning

www.unesco.org/iiep

Paris, France

The International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) is an integral part of UNESCO, yet it enjoys a large amount of autonomy. IIEP's goal is to help Member States improve the quality and effectiveness of their education systems. The Institute's core activities are training and research. It also provides services to Member States on request.

Lola Marusich, '06: My work consisted primarily of research and writing. The IIEP is a research and teaching institution within UNESCO, and the large majority of my work was related to the development of training materials for mid-level education ministers from developing countries.

Language Requirement: French and Spanish very useful

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Children's Rights; Education

United Nations Development Programme Regional Bureau of Eastern Europe and the CIS

www.undp.org

New York, NY

The Regional Bureau of Eastern Europe and the CIS (RBEC) administers the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) programs in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), playing an important role in the transition process through empowering people, organizations and governments to promote sustainable human development.

Melinda de la Garza, '06: I worked under the Directorate and was in charge of researching and aiding with briefs for the Director's trips abroad. The main project I was given was to create a chart with details of every partnership between the Soros Foundation and UNDP RBEC for the Director's quarterly meetings with George Soros. For some-



one who wants to work for the UN and in development, this is a great way to learn the ins and outs of the bureaucratic system while working with a great, friendly office.

Language Requirement: Knowledge of Russian is useful

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

www.unhcr.org
Washington, DC

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated to lead and coordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

<http://ochaonline.un.org>
New York, NY

OCHA's mission is to *mobilise and coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action* in partnership with national and international actors in order to alleviate human suffering in disasters and emergencies; advocate for the rights of people in need; promote preparedness and prevention; and facilitate sustainable solutions.

The Early Warning Unit of the Advocacy and Information Management Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is responsible for improving OCHA's capacity to identify potential humanitarian emergencies. The Unit plays a pivotal role in the analysis of information and produces in-depth analyses on countries considered to be at risk of crisis, bi-weekly early warning news summaries, one-page alerts in response to rapidly deteriorating situations, and a quarterly Global Risk Matrix. These products are used by senior decision makers in OCHA and the broader UN community.

Jeremy Freeman, '06: The job consists of conducting research about countries that are not yet in crisis, but might soon be due to any man-made (ethnic violence, political tensions, etc.) or natural factors (drought, famine, etc.). After conducting research, interns write early-warning analysis reports which are shared within the UN, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other international organizations. I attended several Security Council meetings, met with UN employees, participated in videoconferences with UN country teams, and conducted independent research in order to prepare for writing the reports.

Practice areas: General Human Rights; Post- Conflict; Environmental; Refugees; Health
Stipend: Sponsored by the Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs

United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

<http://untreaty.un.org/OLA>
New York, NY

The UN Office of Legal Affairs seeks to provide a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and other organs of the United Nations, contribute to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law, and promote the strengthening and development as well as the effective implementation of the international legal order for the seas and oceans

Hollin Dickerson, '05: The UN's Office of Legal Affairs is subdivided into six units, and I was in the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC). OLC provides legal advice to the Secretariat as well as the Member States on various issues of international law. As an intern, I was assigned to a supervisor, who would assign me various tasks depending on things that were happening in the world. Among the topics I researched was the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court, civilian protection in internal armed conflict, and cases involving the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

In addition, I was able to attend numerous Security Council and General Assembly meetings, as well as meetings pertaining to the establishment of the Extraordinary Chambers in Cambodia for the trial of former Khmer Rouge leaders. If you are truly interested in doing international legal work,



the UN's OLC is the top place in the world to see first-hand how international law is practiced, used, and created. It was one of the best experiences of my life, both for the substance of the work as well as the people I had the opportunity of working with. The issues I worked on were extremely varied, and ranged from classic issues of public international law (privileges and immunities, state responsibility) to issues more properly considered to be in the realm of human rights (genocide, post-conflict justice). However, placement is highly competitive. You will likely not find that you have been accepted until sometime in March, and there is no remuneration from the Organization. Nevertheless, if you are serious about international law, I would highly encourage you to check the UN's Web site for more information and to download the application materials.

Unite Here

www.unitehere.org

New York, NY

Unite Here is an international labor union that focuses on organizing in its attempt to promote social justice. It represents workers throughout the U.S. and Canada who work in the hospitality, gaming, food service, manufacturing, textile, laundry, and airport industries.

UT Law Student: The job I had was specific to a position that they needed at the time. I worked on discovery for litigation that was related to an organizing campaign. They hire legal interns to research a variety of issues dealing not only with the NLRA, but with other issues relative to their many organizing campaigns. This is a very progressive union committed to organizing low-wage workers in a variety of industries. They represent hotel and restaurant workers, textile workers, industrial laundry workers, and others. Summer interns are paid partially through the Peggy Browning Fellowship and partially through the union.

Universidad de los Andes

<http://www.uniandes.edu.co>

Bogota, Colombia

Michelle Garza, '09: Worked with several law students and faculty from the law school on drafting an anti-discrimination proposal to be presented to Congress that aims to protect Afro-Colombians

from the pervasive racism they encounter in various sectors, across the country.

Language Requirement: Spanish

U.S. Agency for International Development

www.usaid.gov/careers/gcintern.html

Washington, D.C.

USAID is a non-partisan governmental organization responsible for administering U.S. foreign aid programs. The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice and guidance for all the agency's operations worldwide. Full and part-time unpaid internships are available throughout the year to law students.

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices

<http://www.justice.gov/crt/osc>

Washington, D.C.

The Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practice's mission is to protect U.S. citizens and work-authorized individuals from employment discrimination based on citizenship or immigration status.

U.S. Department of State Office of European Security & Political Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/index.htm>

Washington, D.C.

The Office of European Security & Political Affairs manages political, security and arms control relations with Europe; supports U.S. participation in NATO and OSCE and serves as desk officer to the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels and the U.S. Mission to the OSCE in Vienna; participates in the formulation and implementation of U.S. arms control negotiating positions; and provides political support for the G-8 process.

Jeremy Freeman, '06: I worked on advancing U.S.-NATO policy objectives on war crimes and the Kosovo peacekeeping force during the NATO bombing campaign in Yugoslavia. This required



contact with the White House, National Security Council, and Department of Defense. I also co-drafted a State Department report to Congress on the successes and downfalls of the SFOR peace-keeping mission in Bosnia. I also helped prepare briefing materials on U.S. and NATO involvement in the Balkans for Richard Holbrooke's Senate confirmation hearings for his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the UN. Interns may be assigned to do research on political, economic, environmental or other issues. They may write reports and correspondence; assist with citizens' services or visa work; or use their expertise in information systems, procurement or budget and fiscal operations. Some may help to organize a conference or visit of high-level officials. Some interns write news stories, work on Web pages or help produce electronic journals. Others may be involved in educational and cultural exchange activities. Interns also help in the recruiting of U.S. speakers and specialists for overseas programs. Apply early in the fall for summer internships; the security clearance process can take a long time.

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Post- Conflict; Refugees

U.S. Embassy in Chile Office of Economic & Political Affairs

www.careers.state.gov/student/ www.usembassy.cl
Santiago, Chile

The Embassy's Economic and Political Section is staffed by officers from the U.S. Department of State. Political officers analyze political developments and their potential impact on U.S. interests; promote adoption by the host country of foreign policy decisions, which support U.S. interests; and advise U.S. business executives on the local political climate. Economic officers advise U.S. businesses on the local investment climate and economic trends; negotiate trade and investment agreements to open markets and level the playing field; analyze and report on macroeconomic trends and trade policies and their potential impact on U.S. interests; and promote adoption of economic policies by foreign countries which further U.S. interests.

Jeremy Freeman, '06: I was an intern in the Embassy's Office of Economic & Political Affairs. As part of my main job duties, I helped write human rights reports to State Department headquarters

in D.C. Those reports focused primarily on a then-pending Supreme Court appeal over General Pinochet's claim that he was immune from prosecution, as well as the Chilean government's negotiation with the Mapuche Indians over land rights. I also attended meetings at the UN Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Secretary Albright visited Santiago that summer, and I helped coordinate her bilateral meeting with Chilean President Lagos.

Language requirement: Spanish

Practice areas: General Human Rights; Trade; Indigenous Rights

Stipend: Housing included

Wellington Community Law Centre

<http://www.communitylaw.org.nz/Wellington.58.0.html>

Wellington, New Zealand

Lindsey Peebles, '10: I had a great deal of practice in reading and interpreting statutes and policies, mostly on citizenship and immigration. I also interacted with administrative agencies, worked on difficult cases for various clients, and observed court proceedings. Though there were some administrative tasks, they were minimal. Overall I found everything about it educational, and I would recommend it to future students. However, I think it helped that I already had a strong interest in New Zealand and its laws.

Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling

www.wclac.org

Jerusalem, Israel

The Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC) is a Jerusalem-based Palestinian non-governmental organization working to promote the legal and social status of women in Palestine.

UT Law Student: Reviewed the proposed Palestinian Constitution from a gender perspective. I did a lot of research, and talked to many international lawmakers and Palestinian lawmakers. WCLAC is a great advocate for Palestinian women's rights in a time and place when such rights are hugely neglected. It does a lot of legal work, but also takes sexual abuse and violence cases (and helps with



the victims' treatment, therapy, and future safety) that other organizations in the West Bank and Gaza will not get involved with for fear of popular criticism. WCLAC does great work in trying to promote democracy and the rule of law. The director, Maha Abu-Dayyeh Shamas, is very caring, and helps you to find cheap and very safe housing.

Women's Link Worldwide

www.womenslinkworldwide.org

Bogotá, Colombia or Madrid, Spain

Women's Link Worldwide is an international human rights non-profit organization working to ensure that gender equality is a reality worldwide. It strives to advance women's rights through the implementation of international human rights law and strategic work with the courts, including strategic litigation.

World Bank - Urban Partnership

www.worldbank.org

Washington, D.C.

The Urban Partnership, a business unit in the World Bank, helps cities identify and implement practical, workable solutions to problems of livability, productivity, competitiveness and governance.

Paola Marusich, '06: I had a phenomenal experience at the World Bank. I was fortunate to work on the first program dedicated to street children ever implemented by the Bank. My work focused on developing a methodology for the systematic evaluation of street children programs in Eastern Europe. My work also involved grant and memo writing, research, and the development of materials for outreach to civil society.

Language Requirement: No, but knowledge of other languages is useful

Practice Areas: General Human Rights; Children's Rights

World Organization for Human Rights USA

www.humanrightsusa.org

Washington, DC

Rachel Belkin '08: Worked in Refugee Rights practice area, helped to prepare asylum petitions for refugee women fleeing gender-based violence and assisted with appellate litigation on gender-based asylum related issues.

Other useful databases:

1. http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact.htm?attrib_id=2486
2. <http://www.humanrightsblog.org/listings/>
3. <http://www.idealists.org/if/as/Internship>

