



Juvenile Justice Advocates International

Legal / Human Rights Graduate Intern Position (Rolling)

Summary

Juvenile Justice Advocates International is seeking legal interns to work on a juvenile detention research and advocacy project.

Organization Description

Juvenile Justice Advocates International is an NGO devoted to making a large impact for children in prison around the world. Our mission is to advocate for policy reforms in the juvenile justice system to improve respect for human rights for the most vulnerable. JJAI's vision is that children should only be imprisoned as a last resort in extreme circumstances and for the shortest period of time possible. We work towards this goal by:

- Providing advice, consulting, capacity building, training and other services to governments and non-governmental organizations to improve the respect for human rights.
- Conducting research on and advocate for increased access to justice for marginalized populations in the criminal justice system.
- Assisting to implement reforms that reduce over-use of detention, improve prison conditions, improve and establish community reintegration programs and decrease delinquency among juveniles and other marginalized populations.

Position Description

Legal intern will work on two main projects.

Juveniles in Detention Research: intern will conduct research in the juvenile justice system, collecting data, conducting interviews with teens in detention or formerly in detention, families of teenagers and justice sector officials. The interviews are part of gather base-line data for future JJAI projects.

Specific job responsibilities may include:

- Analyzing local and/or national laws and current legal climate.
- Writing and submitting data requests to applicable national agencies.
- Researching regional case law in the Inter-American, European and African systems, as well as the universal mechanisms such as the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child the UN Committee against Torture, and the Universal Periodic Review.
- Coordinating with our research partners in Latin America, Europe and the United States.



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Qualifications:

- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Resourceful and flexible.
- Professional proficiency in English and Spanish.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated interest in criminal justice, defendant's rights, children's rights, or international human rights.
- Relevant course work including: international law, criminal law, evidence, juvenile justice law, or clinic.
- Experience conducting research on foreign law a plus.
- Experience working with at-risk, marginalized or traumatized populations a plus.
- Graduate or undergraduate course work related to research methodology preferred.
- International experience preferred.

Date Position Available: Rolling

Start Date: (flexible)

Hours: Very flexible, but average of 5 hours per week during school terms and up to 30 hours per week during school vacation, willing to adjust depending on internship/externship requirements.

Compensation: None. Candidates are encouraged to seek outside funding. JJA is willing to assist with internship academic requirements or funding applications. We have successfully obtained funding for past interns.

To Apply:

Send CV and Cover Letter expressing interest to Douglas Keillor – Director, douglas@jjadvocates.org.