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Summer Legal Internship Opportunity

Community Action Program Legal Services, Inc. (CAPLAW) seeks a law student interested in a public interest summer internship. The internship is an excellent opportunity to learn about various areas of law while developing strong legal research and writing skills and being part of a mission-driven team focused on anti-poverty work. Legal interns generally work for 10 weeks between late May through July/August. Interns work between 35 - 40 hours per week and will participate in CAPLAW's reduced summer schedule of 32 hours per week (with Fridays off) during July and August. The internship is unpaid, and acceptance of an intern candidate is contingent upon the intern receiving external funding, which may include stipends through their law school's public interest fellowships, other national fellowships, or pay through work study. Interns will work from CAPLAW's office located in downtown Boston near South Station every Wednesday. Interns also have the opportunity to work on-site at CAPLAW's annual conference located in Boston from May 28 to 30.

What is CAPLAW?

CAPLAW is a national nonprofit organization that offers legal assistance to CAAs, a network of grassroots organizations that fight to eliminate poverty in their local communities. For more information about CAPLAW, please visit our website www.caplaw.org.

What are Community Action Agencies (CAAs)?

CAAs are mostly nonprofit organizations that work to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income individuals and families to become fully self-sufficient. CAA services can include:

- Head Start
- Housing assistance and development
- Weatherization and energy assistance
- Job training
- Elder care programs
- Preventive health education
- After-school programs

What areas of law do we frequently address?

- Nonprofit governance and corporate law
- Administrative and federal grant law
- Employment law
- Tax-exempt laws affecting nonprofits
- Lobbying and political activity laws

What services do we provide?

 Individual legal consultation to CAAs on day-today legal questions that arise in running their organizations and providing services to communities with low incomes

- Virtual and in-person training on legal issues
- Publications on legal topics relevant to CAAs and regular updates on current legal developments
- Website with legal and financial management resources for CAAs
- National annual training conference with a variety of legal workshops
- Connections to a network of attorneys and financial professionals

How do law student interns help us?

- Assist attorneys in providing individual legal consultation to organizations
- Conduct legal research and draft legal publications and articles
- Assist in preparing and presenting legal training materials
- Analyze and discuss legal developments with our team of attorneys
- Attend and assist in planning the annual conference in Boston

How can you contact us?

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact admin@caplaw.org.

How can you join us for the summer?

Apply for a summer internship by submitting a resume, brief cover letter, and legal writing sample at https://caplaw.org/application-form-summer-legal-internship.