



Fall 2020 and Spring / Summer 2021 Legal Internships in Human Rights Litigation

The Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA) is now seeking applications for legal internships for fall 2020 and spring and summer 2021. While internships typically take place at our San Francisco offices, given current COVID-19 restrictions, the internships may be conducted partially or fully remotely.

CJA is a nonprofit international human rights organization with the mission to deter torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other severe human rights abuses around the world through innovative litigation, policy, and transitional justice strategies. CJA partners with victims and survivors in pursuit of truth, justice, and redress.

Qualifications: We accept second and third-year law students for unpaid internships each semester and during the summer and winter terms to work at our offices in San Francisco. Exceptional first year law students may be considered for the summer term.

We are particularly interested in students with some familiarity with human rights law, international criminal and humanitarian law, and evidence. The work that you do will depend greatly on our case needs at the time of your internship, but you can expect that much of the work will involve legal research and writing. Please be aware that much of our work is litigation-related, and that a majority of research assignments may relate more to evidence, procedure and domestic law than to matters of international or human rights law.

Deadlines: We are now reviewing applications for fall 2020. The deadline for submissions for spring and summer 2021 is December 15, 2020. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

How to Apply: Please email us a (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) brief writing sample (an excerpt is acceptable), and (4) law school transcript. Send the email to intern@cja.org. Please state your name and the term for which you are applying in the subject line.

- The term for which you are applying;

Please identify in your cover letter:

- Any relevant coursework (especially evidence, advanced civil procedure, federal courts, trial advocacy, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights law, international or comparative law, and immigration law), and your professor(s) for any international law courses;

- Any language abilities, especially Spanish, Arabic, Somali, French, Khmai, Farsi, Haitian Creole, Swahili or any southeast Asian languages;
- Any deadlines you need to meet to secure funding for your internship.