

Summer 2021 Legal Internships – Remote or In-person

Are you a law student who, by June of 2021, will have completed at least one year at an ABA-accredited law school? Are you interested in using the law to serve clients on the socioeconomic margins, impact local communities, and improve the civil justice system? If yes, keep reading...

Legal Aid of Western Michigan (LAWM)

We are a nonprofit law firm. We deliver free, high-quality legal help to people who live in or near poverty. Clients come to us when civil (non-criminal) legal problems threaten their lives and livelihoods. Some of our clients:

- face evictions or foreclosures on their homes.
- seek safety from domestic violence, help with divorces, and stable child-custody arrangements.
- pursue access to public benefits that ensure healthcare, food- and income-security.

Here is [more information on the kinds of cases we handle](#), which include consumer debt, tax, education, and other poverty-law issues. LAWM serves 17 West Michigan counties from five offices: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Holland, and St. Joseph.

Your Summer Internship with LAWM

Under the supervision of staff attorneys, your responsibilities may include: interviewing clients; performing legal research and writing; advising clients; drafting legal correspondence and pleadings; assisting at hearings; and community education.

Compensation

- Limited, paid positions: 20-30 hours/week at \$16/hour for 8 weeks.
- We will also work with students seeking outside funding (via their law school or other fellowships) and students seeking course credit for their internship.

Qualifications

- Required: current 1L or 2L at an ABA-accredited law school
- Preferred: demonstrated commitment to public interest law or public service
- Preferred: proficiency or fluency in a language other than English

Applications

- Materials: cover letter and resume
- Note your preferred office(s): Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Holland, or St. Joseph.
- Indicate whether you are seeking one of our paid internships
- Deadline: February 19, 2021
- Email applications to Julia Smith, Executive Assistant, at jcsmith@lawestmi.org

A Note on Remote Working: depending on public health conditions and government guidance on work restrictions, Summer 2021 positions may involve remote work, in-person work, or a mix of the two. We will work with law students to reach mutually satisfactory work arrangements, subject to public health guidance and our client-service needs.