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**Summer 2010 Legal Internship Opportunity  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Drug Law Reform Project  
Santa Cruz, California**

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), America's foremost advocate of individual rights, is a non-partisan organization founded in 1920. With more than 5 National offices and over 50 affiliates throughout the country, it is widely regarded as one of the nation's premier public interest law firms. The Drug Law Reform Project of the ACLU seeks highly motivated law students for the Summer of 2010 internship opportunities in Santa Cruz, California.

**OVERVIEW**

Founded in 1998, the Drug Law Reform Project is a national project of the American Civil Liberties Union. Our goal is to end punitive drug policies that cause the widespread violation of constitutional and human rights, as well as unprecedented levels of incarceration.

The Project plays a unique role as the only national litigation program addressing the broad range of civil rights and civil liberties violations arising from America's drug policies. We have three programs that focus on central aspects of the war on drugs: (1) racial disparities in drug enforcement and incarceration, (2) punishment of non-violent marijuana users, and (3) other government abuse of power in national and statewide drug policy. Filing impact lawsuits throughout the country, the Project is currently litigating constitutional and statutory claims in federal and state courts, as well as before administrative agencies.

**INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW**

In past summers, legal interns, under the supervision of the Project's Staff Attorneys, have helped prepare testifying witnesses in support of the Project's challenge to racially motivated prosecutions of South Asian storeowners who allegedly sold ingredients to manufacture methamphetamine. Legal interns have also drafted portions of an amicus brief supporting a prisoner's right to receive medical treatment for Hepatitis C, prepared declarations of syringe-exchange clients who were victims of unlawful police harassment, and drafted portions of complaints that the Project filed in federal and state courts.

A commitment of 10 weeks is required. Students are highly encouraged to seek Public Interest Fellowship funds for the internship. Arrangements can also be made with the student's law school for work/study stipends. A stipend may be available to those summer interns who do not secure funding through their schools or through Public Interest Fellowship funds.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Interns may work with one or more of our staff attorneys. Legal interns will assist in all aspects of the Project's litigation docket including, but not limited to:

- Assisting with the full panoply of appellate and district-court litigation
- Assisting with the drafting of briefs and motions for litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals and trial courts
- Assisting with discovery; meeting with clients
- Assisting in the preparation of expert and percipient witnesses for courtroom testimony
- Helping to devise new litigation and assisting with the Project's non-litigation advocacy work
- Some travel may be required

## **EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- The position is open to 1L, 2L, and 3L students
- Applicants should have excellent writing and communication skills
- Applicants must possess the initiative to see projects through to completion
- Applicants should be self-motivated and committed to civil rights and civil liberties issues
- Experience with drug issues is not required, but preferred

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Application materials should include a cover letter, resume, law-school transcript, the names and phone numbers of at least two references, and a legal writing sample. Please send materials via email to [nagrawal@aclu.org](mailto:nagrawal@aclu.org) or regular mail to:

Neel Agrawal  
Summer Legal Internship Coordinator  
ACLU Drug Law Reform Project  
1101 Pacific Ave., Suite 333  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The application deadline for second and third-year law students is December 1, 2009. The application deadline for first-year law students is January 15, 2010. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Qualified applicants may be interviewed prior to the application deadline.

Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this job posting.

The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages women, people of color, persons with disabilities, and lesbians and gay men to apply.

The ACLU comprises two separate corporate entities, the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation. Both the American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU Foundation are national organizations with the same overall mission, and share office space and employees. The ACLU has two separate corporate entities in order to do a broad range of work to protect civil liberties. This job posting refers collectively to the two organizations under the name "ACLU."



# National 1L Diversity Fellowship

**K&L Gates LLP** is a large, full-service law firm comprised of lawyers with varied backgrounds, who are dedicated to serving our diverse community. In order to promote diversity in the legal profession and within our firm, we are proud to sponsor the K&L Gates Diversity Fellowship for a national first-year law student.

## One diverse first-year law student will receive:

- A paid, first-year summer associate position in our Seattle office
- A \$10,000 scholarship

## Applicants must submit the following:

- Resume
- Undergraduate transcript
- List of Fall quarter 2009 law school courses
- A five to ten page writing sample
- Personal statement of up to 500 words describing the contribution you would make to the legal profession and to K&L Gates in particular (this may serve as your cover letter)
- A list of three references with contact information included

## 2010 Deadlines:

<b>January 15</b>	Submission Deadline. Application materials must be received by this date.
<b>Jan. 25 - Feb. 5</b>	Interviews with semi-finalists at K&L Gates.
<b>Week of Feb. 8</b>	Fellowship recipient announced (candidates will be contacted directly by firm).

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[www.klgates.com](http://www.klgates.com)

Please e-mail your application materials to:  
Dana Mills, Seattle Senior Legal Recruiting Coordinator  
at [dana.mills@klgates.com](mailto:dana.mills@klgates.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Mills at  
[dana.mills@klgates.com](mailto:dana.mills@klgates.com) or 206.370.5744

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As in years past, the Seattle office of K&L Gates LLP will be offering a *National 1L Diversity Fellowship* to one first-year law student. The Fellowship recipient will be awarded a paid summer associate position in our 2010 summer class and a \$10,000 academic scholarship. 1L applicants are able to submit their official materials to Dana Mills, Seattle Senior Legal Recruiting Coordinator, via e-mail at [dana.mills@klgates.com](mailto:dana.mills@klgates.com) beginning December 1st, 2009. Please feel free to contact Ms. Mills directly with questions at 206-370-5744.

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## *Spend Summer 2010 in Alaska!*

Trustees for Alaska is offering environmental law internships to interested law students who have a demonstrated commitment to the public interest and the environment. Second and third-year law students with coursework in administrative and environmental law are preferred. Trustees for Alaska provides a full spectrum of public interest law experience to its interns, including research, writing, client contact, drafting legal documents, and public speaking on administrative law matters, depending on client and case needs. Commitment extends over ten weeks; start and end dates are negotiable. Internships are paid a modest hourly wage, but education makes up for low pay. Interns find their own housing, but Trustees for Alaska staff will provide leads on possible living arrangements.

Trustees for Alaska is a non-profit, public interest environmental law firm that has been providing legal services in Alaska for 35 years. Trustees for Alaska provides counsel to local, regional and national conservation organizations, Alaska Native villages and tribal councils, fishing organizations, and others in environmental and natural resource matters. Our work generally focuses on state and federal laws concerning oil and gas leasing, exploration and development; clean air and water issues; mining; marine and terrestrial conservation; energy; land use; public lands; and transportation.

If you are interested in an internship with Trustees for Alaska, please postmark your application no later than December 15, 2009, though earlier is better as we review applications as they arrive. Electronic applications are encouraged and may be sent to: [kjoynt@trustees.org](mailto:kjoynt@trustees.org). Please include a cover letter, resume, transcript, short writing sample, and reference list to Karen Joynt, Paralegal. Our snail mail address is: Trustees for Alaska, 1026 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #201, Anchorage, AK 99501. Thank you for your interest. Please pass on this information to other interested students.