ACLU of Pennsylvania Externship

The ACLU of Pennsylvania offers many opportunities for law students to delve into exciting and challenging work. Legal externs will be exposed to and participate in the process of developing and litigating impact cases to advance civil rights and liberties. The legal extern’s primary duties will be conducting legal research for current and potential cases and drafting memoranda, pleadings, motions, and/or discovery requests. Externs may also be asked to perform research regarding the civil liberties implications or impact of proposed or new legislation, to help with factual investigation, including court watching, or to assist with updating public education materials to reflect changes in the law. Externs also have the opportunity to attend depositions, court proceedings, and case development meetings, and to meet leaders in the public interest community.

Externship applicants should have an interest in civil liberties and civil rights, excellent writing and communication skills, and the initiative and energy to see projects to completion, and a commitment to racial justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. This externship is open to both 2Ls and 3Ls. Prior or concurrent enrollment in Constitutional Litigation preferred, but not required. This is a 7-credit (21 hour/week) externship.

HOW TO APPLY:
Before 10 AM on May 1, 2020, students must apply for this externship by emailing a statement of interest, resume, most recent transcript, and a legal writing sample (prefer a memo to a brief, and if possible, something prepared for an internship as opposed to a class) to externships@law.upenn.edu with “ACLU-PA Application” in the subject line. Please combine all of your application materials into one pdf.

The Penn Law Externship Program will forward students’ application materials to the ACLU’s Office on your behalf. The ACLU will contact students it would like to interview directly, and will select the students to enroll in the externship. Before Advance Course Registration closes, students will receive an email letting them know if they were not selected for enrollment.

Please note that this placement expends a great deal of time and effort scheduling work, securing supervisors, designing programming, creating office space, etc. Thus, students are strongly encouraged to enroll only if they are committed to completing the externship. If you have any questions about this externship, please email externships@law.upenn.edu.