

SPRING SEMESTER EXTERNSHIP AT PUBLIC POLICY LITIGATION & LAW DEPARTMENT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA

Organization Type: Nonprofit Organization – General

Practice Areas: Constitutional Law/First Amendment, Litigation, Non-Profit, Reproductive Rights

Number of Lawyers: 6-15

The Public Policy Litigation and Law Department of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) seeks 2L and 3L law student externs for its New York and Washington, D.C. offices for full-time or part-time externships during the spring semester of 2019.

PPFA conducts impact litigation in state and federal courts across the country, and has been lead or co-counsel in nearly every reproductive rights case to have reached the Supreme Court over the past 30 years. PPFA also provides strategic legal advice on legislation in Congress and state legislatures and on regulatory issues at the national, state, and local levels.

Our litigation docket includes federal and state court challenges to laws and policies that restrict our patients' access to abortion, birth control and other comprehensive reproductive health services for women, non-binary patients, and men. The cases we bring are designed to protect our patients' constitutional and statutory rights and expand their access to reproductive health services and to protect providers of those services from discrimination. Externs can expect to work closely with PPFA attorneys on a wide variety of litigation responsibilities, including legal research and analysis; drafting memoranda, pleadings, affidavits, and briefs; factual development for ongoing or developing litigation; and communicating with clients.

The externship is open to second and third year law students. Successful applicants will have enthusiasm, excellent research and writing skills, and an interest in reproductive justice, health law, racial and economic justice, and/or public interest law more generally.

Interested applicants should submit a **cover letter** explaining their interest in the externship, a **resume**, a **legal writing sample**, **references'** contact information, and an unofficial law school **transcript** to the link below. The cover letter should also indicate whether the applicant is seeking a full-time or part-time externship, and if part-time, the number of hours per week the applicant will be available. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. *Please make sure your cover letter states whether you are interested in a position in New York, D.C., or either.*

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Applicants should submit their application using the following link:
<https://jobs.lever.co/ppfa/50dd5aad-7517-4c27-92da-71e1b4c21c78>