SUMMER CLERK POSITIONS AVAILABLE
ACLU OF COLORADO

(Website announcement at https://aclu-co.org/about-us/intern-aclu/)

Law students interested in public interest work are encouraged to apply for summer 2020 clerk positions with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Colorado in Denver. Full-time and part-time externships for the spring and fall semesters are also available. For those postings, please visit https://aclu-co.org/about-us/intern-aclu/.

Law students working at the ACLU of Colorado will gain valuable experience working under the supervision of ACLU attorneys on the wide variety of civil liberties issues that comprise the ACLU’s docket. Visit https://aclu-co.org/in-the-courts/ for descriptions of recent ACLU of Colorado cases, and https://aclu-co.org/our-issues/ for descriptions of recent ACLU of Colorado advocacy.

Students interning with the ACLU of Colorado participate in many aspects of litigation and legal advocacy including legal research, legal writing, interviewing witnesses, and other factual and legal investigation. Interns also participate in meetings of staff and co-counsel discussing case selection and litigation strategy.

Students will be working with an enthusiastic group of over-qualified and underpaid individuals who are committed to their work and the organization. There are currently 24 full-time staff members, including five attorneys in the legal department, who work with numerous volunteers.

The ACLU of Colorado is excited to be able to compensate successful intern applicants for our summer clerkship program though a $5000 stipend that will be paid as wages, subject to withholding. Students are still encouraged to seek grants or fellowships from public interest fellowship funds through their law school or other funders. Arrangements can also be made with the student's law school for work/study stipends, depending on the availability of work study in conjunction with a paid internship. Some summer students have received law school credit for their work in addition to funding, but that varies by school.
The ACLU prefers students who will have completed two years of law school, have a demonstrated interest in civil rights, civil liberties and social justice, and possess excellent writing, communication and organizational skills. Exceptional first-year students are also encouraged to apply.

The ACLU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and we strongly encourage applications from women, people of color, immigrants, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ community, those who have been incarcerated, otherwise impacted by the justice system, and other underrepresented and marginalized groups.

Applications for summer clerk positions are accepted on a rolling basis and will be reviewed until the internships are filled. Interested applicants for the summer clerk positions are encouraged to submit their applications no later than January 17, 2020, and supplement their application with fall semester grades when they become available.

Students interested in spending a summer with the ACLU of Colorado should send a cover letter explaining your interest in the ACLU and your personal connection, if any, to our mission, a resume, transcript, list of three references (with email and phone number contact information), and short writing sample (5-10 pages). Applications can be sent by email to ACLU of Colorado Legal Assistant Justine Gutierrez at jgutierrez@aclu-co.org, with “Law Student Internship” in the subject line. Applications may also be sent by mail to:

Mark Silverstein, Legal Director
Attn: Law Student Internship Application
ACLU of Colorado
303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 350
Denver, CO 80203

The ACLU of Colorado will confirm the receipt of applications by letter or email. No phone calls please. Qualified applicants will be contacted directly by ACLU of Colorado attorneys for an interview. Any questions regarding whether the application has been received or is complete should be directed to ACLU of Colorado Legal Assistant Justine Gutierrez at jgutierrez@aclu-co.org.