



**INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Legal Action Chicago Law Student Intern**  
**Summer 2022**

Legal Action Chicago is a newly-created subsidiary of Legal Aid Chicago, the Midwest's largest provider of free civil legal services to people who are living in poverty. Because we are not bound by the restrictions that prohibit Legal Aid Chicago from litigating class actions and pursuing legislative initiatives, we use these tools and other forms of community-based policy advocacy to effect systemic changes that help many people as opposed to a single individual. We also work closely with community groups to identify the most pressing issues affecting low-income families, with a special focus on racial equity.

Our work is not limited to a single issue area or advocacy method; for example, Legal Action Chicago has used a variety of litigation and policy advocacy tools to tackle issues ranging from harmful public housing rent policies to delays in the processing of unemployment insurance to the unnecessary hold-up of property transfers due to outstanding water bills. Our work spans the subject matter of all of Legal Aid Chicago's practice groups (Housing, Consumer, Children & Families, Public Benefits, Pro Bono & Community Partnerships and Immigrants & Workers' Rights), and we welcome applicants who have cross-cutting interests and experiences.

**Responsibilities of each intern may include:**

- Legal and policy research;
- Memoranda and brief writing;
- Participation in coalitions;
- Interactions with colleagues and allies related to Legal Action Chicago's projects.

**Qualifications:**

- Be a current law student at an accredited law school;
- Be available to work remotely;
- Ability to work independently;
- Prior experience in clinical work or experiential learning preferred;
- Personal or professional experience with, or other demonstrated commitment to, our client communities, including people living in poverty. We encourage applicants to share that relevant experience in their cover letter.
- Preferred (not required) experience includes poverty law subject areas, civil rights, complex litigation, and/or legislative advocacy.

**Term of Service:** Must be available for 10 weeks, starting in late May or early June, 2022. At this point in time, we expect this internship will take place remotely. Interns who live in Chicago may have the opportunity to join some in-person activities.

**Compensation:** Applicants who seek academic credit, have funding, or wish to volunteer are welcome. Legal Action Chicago does not provide funding, but funding may be available through external funding sources.

**Applications:** Send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest in the position, law school transcript, brief writing sample, and contact information for two professional references to [internship@legalaidchicago.org](mailto:internship@legalaidchicago.org). Write “Legal Action Chicago Intern Summer 2022” in the subject line of your email.

**Deadline:** Applications will be processed starting December 13, 2021 with offers made on a rolling basis until the application deadline on February 15, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to apply early!

*Legal Action Chicago is firmly committed to creating a diverse workplace and is proud to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of creed, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, marital or parental status, alienage, disability, political affiliation or belief, military or military discharge status, or ex-offender status. Applicants who have experiences with our client communities are encouraged to apply.*