



Summer 2018 Internship/Externship Program

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (NMILC) seeks Summer 2018 interns/externs who are interested in gaining experience in the field of immigration law. Interns/Externs will have the opportunity to work on several projects, including assisting immigrants in applying for immigration relief, defending immigrants from deportation, and providing group-based assistance to *pro se* individuals.

Experience/Description

Interns/Externs will assist our team to respond to the overwhelming demand for services for immigrants in New Mexico, helping to overcome the barriers that geography and distance can pose to obtaining legal services. Interns/Externs will work under the direct supervision of NMILC attorneys and are given agency to take on high-quality assignments. Responsibilities may include: legal research and writing, preparation of immigration forms, meeting with and interviewing clients, policy/legislative research, conducting community presentations, visiting an immigrant detention center to provide informational presentations to detainees, assisting in *pro se* workshops and legal fairs, and participation in community meetings. **A 10-week minimum commitment is required.**

This position is recommended for individuals from historically disadvantaged communities who are interested in developing their understanding of immigrant rights, substantive immigration law, and the relationship between social justice, organizing and lawyering. UNM School of Law students who are Child and Family Justice Scholars are encouraged to apply.

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center is a social justice organization whose mission is to advance equity and justice by empowering low-income immigrant communities through collaborative legal services, advocacy and education.

Qualifications

- Students must have completed their first year or second year of law school by summer of 2018.
- Bilingual Spanish and English fluency required; other bilingual fluency will be considered.
- Excellent legal research skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to travel state-wide preferred.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to immigrant rights, social justice issues and public interest law.

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Environment

NMILC welcomes people from a diverse set of experiences. Immigrants, transgender and gender non-binary individuals, and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply. NMILC is a progressive organization and applicants are expected to collaborate in an inclusive and diverse environment. We are a group of highly dedicated and motivated individuals seeking transformative change for our state and welcome anyone who is interested in being part of our team.

Compensation

Because of limited resources, **NMILC requires applicants to secure their own summer funding.** Possible sources include: your law school (in New Mexico, this includes the Association of Public Interest Law (APIL) student organization and the State Bar of New Mexico's Young Lawyer's Division). Additionally, NMILC will work with applicants for them to obtain credit through their law schools' externship or credit program.

To Apply

Send your resume, cover letter, and two references to jobs@nmilc.org. In your cover letter, please explain your interest in social justice and the legal field, your interest in immigrant rights and/or immigration law, and how this opportunity fits into your professional goals. In your resume, detail your relevant skills and experience. **DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 15, 2018 at midnight, but applicants will be chosen on a rolling basis.**