



Asylum Summer Internship Position 2018 Adult Program- Florence and Eloy

About The Florence Project

The Florence Project is a nonprofit legal service organization that provides free legal services to men, women and children detained in Arizona by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants through public defenders and legal aid attorneys, it does not provide attorneys for people facing deportation charges. As a result, many people go unrepresented due to poverty. The Florence Project strives to address this inequity both locally and nationally.

Placement/ Internship Description

The adult team is seeking law student interns to work directly with Shannon Johnson, our asylum representation attorney. Interns will work directly with detained adults who fear return to their countries of origin. They will assist the asylum attorney in working on cutting edge asylum issues in Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Interns may be asked to assist in all aspects of litigation, including direct client work, drafting briefs and declarations, preparing applications, and assisting in direct examinations. Interns will also be asked to coordinate multiple educational workshops for detained asylum seekers who are representing themselves in court.

Depending on the intern's experience, the intern may also have the opportunity to represent individuals in hearings before an Immigration Judge under the supervision of the asylum attorney. We encourage applicants to review our programs and visit our website at www.firrp.org.

We are seeking law students who have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues and public interest law and who enjoy working in a challenging and fast-paced area of the law. Fluency or advanced proficiency in Spanish is required. Applicants must be able to work independently and be able to take on significant responsibility. Prior advocacy or academic experience in immigration law, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and experience working with people from different cultures are strongly valued. First year students are welcome to apply. Must have reliable transportation to get to detention facilities and courts.

Application Process

Candidates will be considered on an ongoing basis. To apply, email your resume, writing sample and a letter of interest which includes the opportunities you are interested in, the length of your commitment, your school, and year of school to jobs@firrp.org, with "Asylum Internship" in the subject line. Applicants will be interviewed by telephone, or in person if possible. The Florence Project values diversity in the workplace and strongly encourages applications from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, persons with disabilities and members of under-represented communities.

