



Summer Internship Position 2017

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.

Internship

The Florence Project is known for its delivery of unique legal services. Interns will work directly with detained adults or unaccompanied minors in immigration proceedings. They will work directly with clients, conduct intake interviews, assist with applications for relief, and draft legal filings for use in Immigration Court and at the Board of Immigration Appeals. Depending on court timing, law student interns may also have the opportunity to represent individuals in hearings before an Immigration Judge under the supervision of an attorney. We encourage applicants to review our programs and visit our website at www.firrp.org.

The Florence Project is seeking law student interns based out of our Florence office to work with detained adult men and women in Florence and Eloy, Arizona, as well as law student interns based out of our Phoenix and Tucson offices to work with unaccompanied immigrant children.

Our three offices, Florence, Phoenix, and Tucson are seeking law students who have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues and public interest law and who enjoy working in a collaborative, high volume work environment. Fluency 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. Our law student internship positions are unpaid.

Application Process

Candidates will be considered on an ongoing basis, but preference is placed with those who have submitted materials by February 15, 2017.

Please email a letter of interest, resume, and writing sample to jobs@firrp.org, with "Intern" in the subject line. Please also specify in the subject line if you prefer to work in a specific office: Florence, Phoenix or Tucson, or if you have no preference. Applicants will be interviewed by telephone, or in person if possible.

The Florence Project recognizes the value of diversity in the workplace and strongly encourages applications from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, persons with disabilities and members of under-represented or disadvantaged communities.