



LAW CLERK OPPORTUNITIES

Columbia Legal Services has ongoing law clerk opportunities for the summer (full-time for 10-12 weeks) or during the school year (part-time for 20+ weeks). Most positions are for school credit, are paid under work-study, or are fellowship/public interest grant funded.

Columbia Legal Services (CLS) is a statewide legal aid program in Washington State representing low-income people and vulnerable groups with critical civil legal needs for whom no alternative legal services are available. CLS represents clients in a wide variety of civil cases, including class actions and legislative rulemaking advocacy. CLS serves clients from six statewide offices: Seattle, Moses Lake, Olympia, Wenatchee, Yakima and Kennewick.

Law clerks will have the opportunity to participate in systemic advocacy on behalf of low-income people, and in doing so, have the opportunity to engage in legal research, writing, and/or community outreach and education to support advocacy in areas including civil rights, healthcare, employment and economic security, or other issues affecting low-income people generally. For those interested in working in CLS's Yakima, Wenatchee, Moses Lake or Kennewick offices, it is strongly preferred that candidates have the ability to communicate in Spanish.

Actual examples of the types of cases and projects that CLS has worked on causing systemic change, and affecting the lives of many client communities in Washington State include: protecting the health and safety of farm workers and their families working in Washington orchards; improving the foster care system for thousands of children; improving access to and quality of healthcare for prisoners, disabled individuals, seniors, and low-income families and their children; and preventing the displacement of low-income people from public housing and mobile home communities.

If you are interested in a law clerk opportunity with Columbia Legal Services, please send a cover letter, resume, references and a 3 - page writing sample to:

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Applications are accepted on a rolling bases.

Columbia Legal Services is committed to a policy of pluralism and equal opportunity in an environment free of barriers and discriminatory practices for its client communities, Board and staff. Pluralism refers to the active promotion of mutual respect, acceptance, teamwork and productivity among people who are diverse in work background, experience, education, race, color, national origin, sex, age, religious preference, marital status, sexual orientation, sensory, mental and physical abilities, veteran status, or any other perceived differences. The resulting diversity is both a source of program strength and a matter of fundamental human fairness.