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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 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 inequality both locally and nationally.

INTERNSHIP

The Florence Project is seeking a law student inter for our Phoenix office to work with detained adult men and women in Florence and Eloy Arizona along with the Asylum Attorney.

The Staff Attorney, Asylum Representation, provides direct representation in front of EOIR and the Board of Immigration Appeals to detained women and men in immigration removal proceedings and custody redetermination hearings who have asylum or other fear-based claims of relief. Priorities include representation of cases with cutting edge asylum issues or cases that could positively advance asylum law. Position also focuses on representing most vulnerable individuals in detention with fear-based claims.

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. Case work includes representation of people seeking asylum based on persecution suffered for their sexual orientation, gender, political opinion, family membership, as well as survivors of torture, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Interns have the opportunity to assist in all aspects of asylum litigation, including direct client work, preparing asylum applications, drafting client declarations, researching novel asylum issues, legal writing, appellate advocacy, program development, advocating for clients' release from detention, and appellate research and writing. 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. The position requires an ability to work with people who have suffered from sexual violence, torture, and who suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and other trauma-related issues. 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 a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to jobs@firrp.org, with “**Summer 2019 Asylum Legal Intern + Phoenix Office**” in the subject line. Applicants will be interviewed by telephone or in person if that is 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.