

OVERVIEW OF THE SEATTLE OFFICE

NWIRP's Seattle Office services low-income immigrants and refugees in Western Washington. The office provides direct legal representation, referrals to pro bono attorneys, pro se assistance, and workshops on immigration matters ranging from asylum, citizenship, family petitions, and protections for immigrant children and victims of crimes. The Seattle consists of the following units:

- **Asylum:** Represents persons who face persecution in their home countries in applying for asylum, and assists asylees and refugees in applying for permanent resident status and petitioning for their family.
- **DACA:** Provides informational workshops/clinics and assistance with applying for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program for those who came to the U.S. as children and for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. The unit also represents youth in immigration court proceedings.
- **Family Services:** Promotes family unity and stability by assisting with family visa applications.
- **Naturalization:** Assists immigrants and refugees, particularly elderly and/or persons with disabilities, obtain citizenship, including seeking disability waivers from the required English and civics test.
- **VAWA:** Assists immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other crimes in gaining lawful immigration status by obtaining "U visas" and other benefits derived from the Violence Against Women Act.

Under the supervision of attorneys, interns will assist with case matters before the Immigration Court and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Depending on unit placement, interns' responsibilities may include:

- Conducting legal research and drafting briefs in support of applications for relief;
- Researching country conditions in support of claims for asylum;
- Preparing and submitting filings with the Immigration Court and USCIS; and
- Working directly with clients, such as conducting intakes and drafting client declarations in support of applications for relief.

ELIGIBILITY – MULTIPLE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The internship is open to first, second, and third year law students. Applicants should have excellent written and oral communication skills, an interest in immigration law, an ability to work in a diverse and fast-paced work environment, and a commitment to advancing and defending the legal rights of low-income immigrants and refugees. Applicants proficient in Spanish are strongly preferred.

The internship is unpaid, but NWIRP will work with applicants to secure outside funding or academic credit.

APPLY

Please send a resume and cover letter to Maggie Cheng, maggie@nwirp.org, with "2015 Summer Internship" in the subject line. If you have a particular interest in specific unit(s), please indicate so in your cover letter. **Full consideration will be given to applications received by January 18, 2015. No applications will be accepted after March 1, 2015.**