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2025 Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship

The Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship is a 10-week, paid summer internship for 2Ls and 3Ls created in honor of the Legal Foundation of Washington's second president, Charles Goldmark. The Goldmark Internship provides hands-on experience in providing legal aid through research, writing, casework, and client services. In addition to gaining valuable experience in public interest law, the Goldmark Intern receives a \$15,000 stipend. The 2025 host organization for the Goldmark Internship is **Northwest Immigrant Rights Project**.

About Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)

Founded in 1984, NWIRP is a nationally recognized legal services organization on the front lines of defending and advancing the rights of immigrants. Each year, NWIRP provides direct legal representation and assistance in immigration matters to thousands of people with low incomes who come from over 150 countries and speak over 60 different languages. NWIRP challenges unjust policies through high-impact lawsuits and advocates for laws and policies that respect the rights of immigrants. NWIRP is also a trusted provider of immigration-related community education for immigrant communities and social service providers.

NWIRP's Granger and Wenatchee Offices

NWIRP's Granger and Wenatchee offices provide humanitarian-based immigration legal services to immigrant communities in North Central and Eastern Washington. At NWIRP's Granger and Wenatchee offices, law students will gain exposure to a variety of immigration law areas in both affirmative and defensive postures, and have the opportunity to improve their client interviewing and advocacy skills, as well as legal research and writing skills.

The Granger and Wenatchee offices work closely with the farmworking population and support rural communities in Eastern Washington. Our work focuses on:

- **Asylum:** Helps people 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 families.
- **Children & Youth Advocacy:** Helps children and youth seek various immigration reliefs, including Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) classification, asylum, DACA, and protections for survivors of violent crimes and human trafficking. Our Unaccompanied Children's Program (UCP) also provides direct representation on a universal representation model to unaccompanied immigrant children throughout North Central and Eastern Washington, and represents children before Washington State courts, immigration court, and USCIS.

- Family Services: Promotes family unity and stability by assisting with family visa applications and waivers.
- Naturalization: Assists immigrants and refugees, particularly elderly and/or people with disabilities, obtain citizenship, including seeking disability waivers from the required English and civics tests, and analyzing complex criminal and immigration history.
- Removal Defense: Represents individuals, who are either detained or non-detained, facing removal proceedings in immigration court and other agencies.
- VAWA: Assists immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other crimes in obtaining U-, T- visas, and other immigration benefits derived from the Violence Against Women Act.

About the Internship

Under attorney supervision, the Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Intern will assist with case matters before U.S. immigration agencies, including the Immigration Court, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and the Department of State consulates and embassies. **Interns proficient in Spanish are strongly preferred.**

Specific duties and responsibilities vary depending on office and unit placement. Generally, intern responsibilities may include the following:

- Identifying legal issues and potential forms of immigration reliefs;
- Drafting legal briefs and memos in support of applications for relief;
- Preparing applications, motions, and other filings with the immigration and State courts and agencies;
- Drafting client declarations and gathering evidence in support of applications;
- Conducting legal, policy, and country condition research;
- Appearing in immigration and State court hearings or USCIS interviews;
- Conducting legal intakes;
- Participating in workshops and other community education and outreach events; and
- Performing various administrative tasks as needed.

Location: The Goldmark intern will have the option to be placed at NWIRP's Granger or Wenatchee office, working a hybrid schedule during NWIRP's business hours, 9am to 5pm daily. There may be some flexibility and room for discussion on this proposed schedule and work environment.

To Apply:

Applicants should send the following application materials to [Arielle Handforth <arielle@legalfoundation.org>](mailto:arielle@legalfoundation.org), Goldmark Internship Coordinator by Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

- Current resume
- A transcript reflecting 2025 enrollment
- Cover letter or essay, approximately 500 words, describing your interest in the internship host program.