



## Law Student Opportunities: Spring 2025

For 95 years, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) has been the frontline law firm for low-income people in Los Angeles. LAFLA is committed to promoting access to justice, strengthening communities, fighting poverty, and affecting systemic change through representation, advocacy, and community education. To learn more, please visit our website at <https://lafla.org/>.

Applications for Spring law clerks are reviewed on a rolling basis. Interested students may apply online at <https://lafla.org/get-involved/probono-volunteer/>.

For Spring 2025, law students may apply for positions with the following teams:

**Asian Pacific Islander Community Outreach Project (API Project)** is charged with the task of assisting and connecting API, limited English proficient or monolingual individuals and families to legal services in all of LAFLA's substantive areas. The API Project specializes in working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, torture, and other related crimes in the areas of family and immigration law, as well as others. Clerks will staff and screen language lines, staff community clinics, draft pleadings, interpret/translate, and prepare pleadings. Bilingual capacity in Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Hindi, Tagalog, or Japanese is required.

**Eviction Defense Center (EDC)** advocates for Los Angeles renters by defending them in eviction proceedings, advocating for repairs in slum housing, protecting renters' rights under local rent control laws, and preserving subsidized housing. Clerks will write research memoranda; draft pleadings, discovery, and motions; prepare cases for trial; interview clients; help develop materials on Know Your Rights Webinars; and make appearances in Superior Court with their supervising attorney. Certified law students may also argue motions under the close supervision of one of our attorneys.

**Immigration Access Workgroup (IAWG)** focuses on immigration law, in both affirmative and defensive representation, including asylum, VAWA, U-Visa, T-visa, and other immigration reliefs. Law clerks will have the opportunity to conduct client interviews, perform legal research and country conditions research, participate in discovery and evidence collection, draft declarations and briefs, and more. Law clerks may also get to work closely with torture survivors. Both virtual and hybrid schedules are available. Spanish bilingual capacity strongly preferred.

**Restoring Communities (ReCo)** workgroup focuses on assisting those with criminal records, remove barriers to successful re-entry back into society. This group work covers all areas of law from housing to family law and occupational licensing and specializes in criminal record clearing/expungement. Students will conduct intake and meet with clients remotely, conduct research, draft motions, prepare petitions and declarations and have the opportunity to attend hearings with workgroup attorneys.

**Santa Monica Office** provides a unique opportunity to experience a holistic approach to practicing law. The office provides low-income Santa Monica residents with a wide range of legal services including housing, family law, government benefits assistance, and affirmative litigation. Students will have the opportunity to conduct client interviews; draft pleadings, discovery, motions and declarations; prepare cases for trial and staff the domestic violence clinic located at the Santa Monica Courthouse.

**Self-Help Access Centers** provide assistance and resources to litigants who lack attorney representation. The centers operate in four Los Angeles County Superior Courthouse locations: Long Beach, Inglewood, Santa Monica, and Torrance. Our Centers are primarily focused on assisting self-represented litigants in the areas of Family Law, Unlawful Detainers (Evictions), Restraining Orders, Name Changes, Wage Garnishments and Bank Levies.

**Unhoused People's Justice Project (UPJP)** fights for the rights of people who are unhoused through impact litigation and policy advocacy. Clerks will assist with federal civil rights litigation through conducting fact investigation, interviewing prospective clients, carrying out legal research, and completing other litigation tasks.

**Veteran's Justice Center (VJC)** provides holistic legal services to low-income veterans in Los Angeles County with a particular focus on (1) housing and communities, (2) economic stability, (3) VA benefits, and (4) employment barriers. VJC clerks will have the opportunity to develop expertise in multiple substantive areas of law, and to develop skills in litigation, research and writing, client interviewing, and policy work. Veteran candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

