



## Law Student Opportunities

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 our Summer Law Clerk Program are reviewed on a rolling basis. Interested students may apply online at <https://lafla.org/get-involved/probono-volunteer/>.

Details for the 2025 [Summer Law Clerk Program](#):

- Fulltime, Monday through Friday 10-week program
- 7 hours a day, 35 hours a week minimum
- 9:00AM PST – 5:00PM PST schedule
- Program Dates:
  - Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Mandatory Orientation first 2 days with additional trainings throughout the summer
- Placements are team-specific. Some teams require in-person work. Others may allow fully remote.
- Past Educational Reimbursement provided (2025 information to come):
  - Up to \$8,000 for Summer Law Clerks
  - Up to \$10,000 for [LEIF Fellows](#)
  - Split into multiple payments
  - Dependent on work performance

Please choose your **top 3 teams** that you wish to work with and we will try to accommodate placement:

**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.

**Economic Stability Workgroup (ESWG)** seeks law clerks to work on either government benefits cases, employment cases, or student loan cases. Clerks will interview clients, conduct legal research, draft pleadings, and prepare cases for administrative hearing or trial. Clerks may also help staff clinics.

**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.

**Housing and Communities Workgroup (HoCo)** advocates for the creation and preservation of affordable housing, increasing economic power of low-income communities, bolstering environmental justice and equity, combatting unlawful housing practices and defending and strengthening civil rights. Students will assist with legal research and litigation tasks such as investigations, discovery, client interviewing, and drafting documents, as well as staff a weekly community legal clinic, and participate in coalitions with community organizations. Students may also assist with transactional law tasks, such as reviewing real estate due diligence materials, drafting acquisition/property management or loan financing- related documents, and preparing memorandums of understanding.

**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.

**Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP)** Team focuses on community lawyering in a health care setting. The team meets clients where they are most vulnerable, at the doctor's office. MLP works to affect the social determinants of health to effect long-term change in client's health outcomes. Students will be exposed to multiple substantive areas of law and will develop skills in client interviewing, and research and writing. Law clerks will participate in weekly on-site clinics at one of our 6 clinical sites, conduct intake, meet with clients, prepare court pleadings, immigration petitions, and declarations.

**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.

**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.