



IMMIGRATION INTERVENTION PROJECT LEGAL INTERNSHIP SPRING 2019

Sanctuary for Families is New York's leading service provider and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking, and related forms of gender violence. Sanctuary works to end gender violence through three key areas: direct service; outreach, education and training; and systems-change advocacy. Every year, Sanctuary empowers thousands of adults and children to move from fear and abuse to safety and stability, transforming lives through a comprehensive range of services.

Sanctuary for Families seeks a law school student to help intern in **Brooklyn** for the Spring semester.

Qualifications:

This position is open to law students seeking to assist in representing survivors of gender-based violence. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal, analytical and writing skills and have a commitment to social justice. Experience in working directly with clients and on issues of gender violence is a strong asset, as is coursework in immigration law. Proficiency in Spanish required.

Responsibilities may include:

- Screening potential clients to assess eligibility for immigration and other benefits;
- Under the supervision of an attorney, prepare petitions and other applications to be filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, including VAWA self-petitions, petitions for U nonimmigrant status, asylum applications, and applications for adjustment of status and work authorization;
- Educating clients about their legal rights and remedies;
- Help with the preparation of witnesses and materials for trial in Immigration Court;
- Joining attorney for proceedings in Immigration Court;
- Assisting in research and writing.

This internship is unpaid; however, we will work with students who seek to obtain school credit or outside funding.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter and resume to Jessica Francois, Manager of Volunteer Relations at volunteer@sffny.org. Due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to respond to all applicants.