Disability Rights Advocates Seeks 2Ls for Summer 2021 Law Clerk Positions

With offices in California and New York, Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) is one of the leading nonprofit disability rights legal centers in the nation. DRA provides free legal representation to people with the full spectrum of disabilities in complex, system-changing, class-action cases. Founded in 1993, DRA has taken on and won hundreds of cases—achieving dramatic improvements for people with disabilities seeking access to health care, employment, transportation, education, disaster preparedness planning, voting, and housing. DRA is seeking up to two summer law clerks who share our vision of creating a society that strives towards justice and fairness for all.

For more information on DRA’s mission and impact visit www.dralegal.org.

Position Overview

DRA is seeking passionate and hard-working law students to join our dynamic, results-oriented team. DRA’s summer law clerks work with our attorneys in all aspects of high impact litigation including case investigations, case development, law and motion practice, discovery, and court appearances. This work includes factual and legal research, drafting memoranda, writing portions of briefs, assisting with propounding and reviewing discovery, reviewing expert reports, and other relevant tasks as needed.

DRA offers law clerks frequent interactions with staff and numerous opportunities for both formal and informal career-building feedback. DRA’s focus on thorough training and supportive mentorship provides an excellent opportunity to learn about litigation in a supportive public interest environment. Summer law clerks will report to a managing attorney.

Summer law clerks typically work in our Berkeley, CA or New York, NY office, however all DRA staff are currently remote due to COVID-19.

Required Qualifications

- Commitment to DRA’s mission to advance equal rights and opportunity for people with all types of disabilities nationwide
- Excellent legal research and writing skills
- Strong work ethic paired with the ability to adapt quickly to changing situations and circumstances
- Law student who will be enrolled in their second year of law school in fall 2020

Compensation

Compensation is available for those students who do not receive school funding. Students who do receive school funding may be eligible for partial DRA funding to bring their hourly wage to $20/hour. Arrangements can be made with educational institutions for work/study or course credit.
**How to Apply**

Please send the following to [jobs@dralegal.org](mailto:jobs@dralegal.org) with “Summer Law Clerk” as the subject

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Law school transcript
4. Three references (at least one a direct supervisor)
5. Writing sample (no more than 3-5 pages)

*The term of this internship will be a ten-week period in the summer of 2021. Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis.

*DRA is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse workforce and inclusive culture. DRA encourages applications from all qualified individuals and does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, veteran status, disability, AIDS/HIV status, medical condition, or any other characteristic protected by law.

This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, leaves of absence, compensation, and training.

*DRA is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities. For accommodations during the interview process please email [hr@dralegal.org](mailto:hr@dralegal.org).