

QLaw Foundation of Washington

Externship Opportunity – Family Matters Legal Clinic

QLaw Foundation of Washington has externship opportunities available for 2L and 3L law students in Spring quarter. This externship provides opportunities for client contact, community outreach and education, legal research, and legal services program development.

About QLaw Foundation of Washington:

QLaw Foundation of Washington promotes the dignity and respect of LGBTQ+ Washingtonians within the legal system through advocacy, education, and legal assistance. QLaw Foundation offers four King County-based free legal clinics every month centered around the core value that LGBTQ+ communities are entitled to access knowledgeable, culturally competent legal providers in a welcoming and affirming setting. Additionally, QLaw Foundation provides second parent adoptions, parentage confirmation orders, and other legal pleadings to secure legal parental rights for LGBTQ+ families through its Family Matters legal clinic. QLaw Foundation also works to empower LGBTQ+ communities through providing skills-based community legal education and providing spaces for communities and legal services providers to build relationships, share knowledge, and organize together. For more information, please review our website at www.qlawfoundation.org.

About the Family Matters Clinic Externship

QLaw Foundation externs will provide core support to the Family Matters legal clinic, including community outreach to LGBTQ+ families, training and coordinating attorney volunteers, provide legal advice, document drafting, and courtroom appearances for second parent adoptions, parentage confirmation orders, and other family law needs, as well as drafting community outreach materials. Direct representation via Rule 9 supervision is a core part of this externship.

Hours: Between 10 and 20 hours per week are available for academic credit. Work hours are typically 10am-6pm, though some evening and weekend hours are available for legal clinic support.

Qualifications: Must have Rule 9 certification or have initiated the certification process at the time of application (it can be lengthy). **Bilingual and multilingual students are especially encouraged to apply.** Our organization is friendly, inclusive, and centers clients and community relationships. QLaw Foundation welcomes applicants who are queer and trans, black, indigenous, or people of color (QTPOC/BIPOC), immigrants, undocumented, parents, disabled, or otherwise marginalized, and welcomes applicants with organizing experience, non-legal work experience, and/or personal experience with legal systems. QLaw Foundation does not weigh GPA in its application process.

To apply: Please send a resume and cover letter detailing the experience, skills, or other qualifications that lead you to pursue community-centered legal services and/or family law. Please include any experience you may already have with client contact, social media outreach, and describe your relationship with LGBTQ+ communities.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2020. Applications will be accepted until the start of Spring Quarter if the position is not filled. Please address your application materials to Denise Diskin, Executive Director at denise@qlawfoundation.org. We look forward to working with you!