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# **Goldmark 2018 Internship Position Description**

The Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship is a 10 week, paid summer internship for 2Ls and 3Ls created in honor of the Legal Foundation of Washington's second president, Charles Goldmark. The Goldmark Internship provides hands-on experience in providing legal aid through research, writing, casework, and client services. In addition to gaining valuable experience in public interest law, the Goldmark Intern receives an \$8,000 stipend. The 2018 host site for the Goldmark Internship is Seattle Community Law Center.

## **About Seattle Community Law Center:**

Seattle Community Law Center's mission is to provide accessible legal advocacy to people living with physical and mental disabilities so that they may obtain the resources necessary to overcome barriers to financial and medical stability. We further our mission through targeted advocacy projects that help people with Social Security disability problems. We believe that advocacy to address our constituents' short term problems must be accompanied by advocacy for long term changes to address the root of the problem.

# **About Our Programs:**

The Disabled Homeless Advocacy Project (DHAP) was launched in April 2006 to address a well-documented need for SSDI/SSI representation for homeless individuals. DHAP delivers legal aid "in the field" at local shelters, libraries, and sites accessible to the homeless population. DHAP helps provide the accommodations, resources, and encouragement necessary to help keep homeless clients engaged in medical treatment and in their disability claim.

#### About the position:

The successful candidate will be working with SCLC's DHAP. This internship will provide opportunity to engage with clients of diverse backgrounds through the intake process and varying levels of involvement in direct representation of clients under the supervision of a staff attorney. Staff and setting provide a fantastic place to further your education while impacting the community. Interns may engage in client interviews and counseling, problem solving, legal and factual research, discovery, and written and oral client-centered advocacy.

This is a full-time (35 hours per week) position that lasts for ten weeks.

## **Qualifications:**

Excellent time management

- Demonstrated commitment to social justice
- Interest or experience working with people living with mental and physical disabilities
- Interest or experience working with people experiencing homelessness
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- High degree of emotional intelligence
- Proficiency in languages other than English (helpful but not required)
- Ability to work independently and on a case-team of two or more people
- Solutions based thinker