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## **2020 Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship**

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 a \$10,000 stipend. The 2020 host organization for the Goldmark Internship is LAW Advocates.

### **About LAW Advocates**

LAW Advocates Mission: Provide free civil legal assistance to low income Whatcom County residents.

LAW Advocates' 2020 Goldmark Intern will work in beautiful Bellingham, Washington assisting some of our most vulnerable community members with critical legal needs related to child custody for low-income survivors of domestic violence and housing for low-income renters.

### **About the position:**

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

**Supervisors:** Staff Attorney & DV Parenting Plan Clinic Contract Attorney

**Location:** 1415 Commercial St. Bellingham, WA 98225

### **Duties:**

- Conduct intakes for LAW Advocates' Domestic Violence Parenting Plan Clinic
- Observe attorney-client meetings and take part in legal reasoning process and legal research with a focus on family law and tenant's rights
- If eligible for Rule 9, provide legal advice under the supervision of two experienced, licensed attorneys
- Write clear case notes using LAW Advocates' case management software, LegalServer

- As time allows, observe and partner with volunteer attorneys through other LAW Advocates programs, such as our popular drop-in legal advice clinic Street Law
- As time allows, serve in a client-services navigator role helping callers and visitors to learn about LAW Advocates programs and other legal aid resources

**Qualifications:**

- Interest in serving LAW Advocates' Mission
- Dependability
- Appreciation for the sensitive nature of the confidential information and ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds and maintain a positive working relationship with staff members, volunteers, and clients
- Ability to serve as a positive and professional representative of LAW Advocates
- Strong written communication skills: ability to write clear, concise notes
- Strong verbal communication skills: ability to actively listen, maintain good eye contact, know when to listen and when to interrupt appropriately
- Independent worker not needing close supervision; good judgment
- Experience with crisis intervention preferred, but not required

**Benefits:**

- Help LAW Advocates provide essential legal aid to low-income people in our community
- Gain hands-on experience working directly with clients and in partnership with experienced attorneys
- \$10,000 stipend.

**To Apply:**

Applicants should send the following application materials to [Kristin Parker](#), Goldmark Internship Coordinator by Friday, October 11, 2019.

- Current resume
- Registrar-provided official transcript reflecting Fall 2019 enrollment
- Cover letter or essay, minimum 500 words, describing your interest in the internship host program.