



# NYCLU

NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Legal Internship Opportunity  
Summer 2011  
Advocacy Department

The New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) is the NY state affiliate of the ACLU, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

**OVERVIEW:**

The Advocacy Department works on advocacy campaigns on the School To Prison Pipeline, LGBT issues and marriage equality, immigration reform, bullying and police accountability. Our work takes many forms including organizing, lobbying, online activism, legislative drafting, policy drafting, research, and reports. There are three attorneys in the Advocacy Department and we work closely with legislative and community organizers from around the City and state.

**INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW:**

Supervised by our Public Policy Counsel, advocacy legal interns will assist in all aspects of advocacy campaigns on juvenile justice and education policy, anti-bullying policy, marriage equality and immigration reform campaigns. Interns will be expected to collaborate closely with organizers, youth leaders, and coalition partners from New York City community-based and faith-based organizations, in non-traditional legal roles.

Duties may include drafting and filing Freedom of Information requests, reviewing records, performing litigation-related research, attending meetings, hearings and rallies, taking intake interviews, and performing legal and policy research in key issue areas. Interns are encouraged to work on particular areas of interest within the Advocacy Department's goals.

Full time. Applications for Summer 2011 semester internships may be submitted until January 31, 2011. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

**EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- The Advocacy Department is interested in both 1Ls and 2Ls.
- Demonstrated commitment to civil liberties and an interest in working toward racial and social justice.
- Flexible schedule-- Availability for evening and weekend events.
- Strong writing and research skills.

**How to apply:**

A complete application should include a cover letter, resume, and a 2-3 page writing sample. PLEASE SEND YOUR STRONGEST WRITING SAMPLE--this does not have to be legal writing! Creative writing, journalism, policy briefs, and writing for a non-legal audience are all acceptable and encouraged samples.

Applications should be sent to [internships@nyclu.org](mailto:internships@nyclu.org) with "Advocacy Legal Internship" as the subject heading.