

Center for National Security Studies

Protecting civil liberties and human rights

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Job Opportunity 2008 LEGAL INTERNSHIPS Center for National Security Studies

The **Center for National Security Studies (CNSS)** invites applications for **Legal Internships** for **Spring 2008 (and Summer 2008)** to work with our legal policy team to help protect civil liberties and human rights and challenge unconstitutional government surveillance, detention, secrecy, and immigration policies. We work on cutting edge issues on the front pages of the news involving individual rights. CNSS, a public interest civil liberties organization, was founded in 1974 to work for control of the FBI and CIA and to prevent violations of civil liberties in the United States. The Center, based in Washington, DC, is the only non-profit human rights and civil liberties organization whose core mission is to prevent claims of national security from eroding civil liberties and constitutional protections. Applications will be accepted until November 20th or the right candidates are found.

CNSS offers full- and part-time internships each academic semester and summer. All JD candidates (**1L, 2L or 3L**) are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will be highly motivated students with excellent research skills and a passion for public interest work and civil liberties (previous studies or work in the field of journalism would be especially helpful given the public education and press work CNSS handles). Interns will work closely with the leaders of CNSS to influence national policymakers and opinion leaders.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide fast and accurate legal research and analysis along with thoughtful advice and in-depth research memos.
- Track and analyze news, legislation and policy developments involving national security and civil liberties.
- Use government and other databases to research information on government activities and policies.
- Write, edit and prepare final copy of legal and policy documents to persuade a variety of audiences.
- Attend meetings with coalition partners as well as select hearings, and monitor executive, legislative and judicial actions.
- Support the work of the Center's Director, Deputy Director and staff counsel as assigned.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Commitment to protecting civil liberties required.
- Bachelor's degree mandatory, and must be currently enrolled in an accredited law school.
- Outstanding organizational skills, with an affinity for identifying and solving problems, essential.
- Excellent writing and communication skills.
- Adept at internet-based research.
- Must be responsible and work well in a fast-paced environment with multiple tasks.
- Careful and timely work required.
- Strong word processing skills essential.
- Must be a self-starter with the ability to work well independently and within a team.
- Some knowledge of the issues, public policy process or communications would be helpful.

COMPENSATION:

CNSS interns may apply for work-study, public interest law fellowship or clinical credit through their law schools or for a stipend. Spring semester positions require a commitment of 15-20 hours per week (preferably two full days) for a minimum of ten weeks. The summer positions are full-time, for ten to 14 weeks.

HOW TO APPLY:

This is an ideal job for law students interested in gaining a better understanding of Washington policymaking. If you have an eye for detail and are a resourceful team player with a passion for civil liberties, please submit a cover letter, current resume, contacts for two to three references, and a writing sample of three to five pages to Ms. Dayo Fashoro, Program Assistant, at cnss@cnss.org, with **Legal Intern Position** and "Spring" or "Summer" 2007 in the subject line. No phone calls please.

The Center for National Security Studies is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages all interested individuals, including women, people of color, persons with disabilities and lesbians and gay men, to apply.