



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

## HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE Cancer LAW

### **Cancer LAW Internship Opportunity**

The [Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance](#) (HJA) believes that an equitable society, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to an integrated and supportive community, requires fair access to health and justice resources. In 2019, the HJA launched the [Cancer Legal Assistance & Well-being \(LAW\) Project](#), a Medical-Legal Partnership to address cancer patients' unmet legal needs that affect their physical and mental health and interfere with or prevent the effective pursuit of cancer treatment. Because of our special expertise in serving patients living with cancer, our team fights stigma, discrimination, and works to eliminate poverty-based barriers to care.

### **Description of Internship**

The intern will work primarily on cases involving Social Security applications (including appeals, return-to-work rules, overpayments, and in-kind support issues), advance care planning (healthcare proxies, living wills, etc.), housing (conditions, evictions, etc.), and employment issues (unemployment, FMLA, DC PFLA, ADA accommodations, etc.). Interns may also have the opportunity to work on matters in other practice areas such as public benefits, medical debt, and identification procurement. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, responsibilities include client communication, intake, issue spotting, legal research and writing, preparing forms, and advocacy with private entities and government agencies. Interns will also be responsible for the development of legal training materials and join supervisor(s) in conducting training workshops for health care providers based on materials created. Interns will have the opportunity to collaborate with other HJA staff and interns.

**Location:** Remote work is anticipated due to Covid-19 precautions, but some in-person opportunities will be available. Our administration offices are located at 500 First Street NW, Washington DC, 20001. Client-facing legal services are provided on an as-needed basis on-site at our medical partner facility, MedStar Washington Hospital at 110 Irving Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010.

**Compensation:** HJA will work with the intern to apply for summer funding through Georgetown University Law Center's Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) summer funding program.

**Dates:** Summer internships generally start in June and end in early August. Start and end dates are flexible, but preference will be given to those who can commit to at least 8 weeks in a full-time position.

### **Qualifications**

- Current Georgetown Law student;
- Previous experience working with vulnerable and/or underserved patient populations preferred, but not required;
- Must work well independently and together with a team of attorneys, paralegals, and medical staff;
- Must be detail-oriented, well-organized, responsible, and comfortable working with diverse populations from a variety of backgrounds;
- Spanish proficiency is a bonus;
- Ability to attend in-person client meetings as needed

### **How to Apply**

Applications must include a resume and cover letter explaining why you are interested in working at the Cancer LAW Project. Please specify your desired start and end dates and your availability during the week. If selected for an interview, you may be requested to provide a list of at least two references. Please submit all application materials to MLP director and managing attorney Allison Dowling at [Allison.Dowling@georgetown.edu](mailto:Allison.Dowling@georgetown.edu).

**Deadlines:** Applications will be reviewed as they are received and position remains open until filled.