



The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights/ The Leadership Conference Education Fund Summer Legal Internship

About Us

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights was founded in 1950 as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights by A. Philip Randolph, head of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Roy Wilkins of the NAACP; and Arnold Aronson, a leader of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Their visionary leadership was grounded in their commitment to social justice and the firm conviction that the struggle for civil rights would be won, not by one group alone, but through coalition.

Today, The Leadership Conference is the nation's premier civil and human rights coalition, committed to the protection and advancement of civil and human rights for every person in the United States. It has become the nerve center for fighting discrimination in all its forms and expanding opportunity and fairness for all Americans. The Education Fund complements this work by building public will for federal policies that promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States. Its campaigns empower and mobilize advocates around the country to push for progressive change in the United States.

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund offer a substantive, fast-paced legal internship opportunity designed to give law students and recent law school graduates interested in civil and human rights, public service, and social justice advocacy real-world work experience in the policy arena. The program provides the legal intern the opportunity to increase understanding of coalition politics and to participate in the legislative process of our federal government.

For more information, visit civilrights.org and leadershipconferenceeducationfund.org.

Core Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of an attorney, the legal intern will assist the Policy Department with the following:

- Legal and legislative research
- Drafting testimony, reports, letters and other documents
- Tracking legislation and litigation related to key issues
- Attending congressional hearings and briefings



- Preparing for and attending Leadership Conference task force meetings as assigned
- Some administrative duties as needed

Applicants should have strong legal research, communications and writing skills, attention to detail, a desire and ability to work with diverse groups of people in a collaborative environment, the ability to multitask, and a strong commitment to social justice issues.

Please note that the legal internship is unpaid. We are happy to assist interested applicants in applying for public interest fellowships, work-study funds, or course credit opportunities through their law school.

How to apply:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Interested individuals should email a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample to:

legalinternship@civilrights.org