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“This has been the most enjoyable, challenging, and beneficial internship that I've had throughout law school.”

- Recent PILI Intern

About PILI

PILI engages, inspires and empowers those advancing equal access to justice through the following programs:

PILI's **Law Student Internship** and **Graduate Fellowship Programs** place law students and recent law school graduates at public interest law organizations, with PILI providing supplemental educational, networking and mentoring opportunities.

Our **Alumni Network** builds and maintains the connection between past PILI Interns and Fellows and the public interest law community through educational, networking and leadership opportunities.

Our **Pro Bono Program** works to increase the availability of pro bono legal help for those who cannot afford an attorney in Illinois by developing innovative pro bono opportunities, offering pro bono programming and resources, cultivating best practices, and celebrating the life-changing pro bono performed throughout the state.

Through these programs, we are working towards making equal access to justice a reality through a legal community with a deeply rooted culture of service, where pro bono and public interest law engagement is optimized to best serve people, families and communities in need.

Questions? Need more information?

Visit our website at www.pili.org
or contact us at bpage@pili.org or 312-832-5127.



Law Student Internship Program

About PILI's Internship Program

PILI's Law Student Internship Program connects law students from across the country with public interest law agencies in Illinois and pays them for their work. Typically, Interns receive \$6,000 for working 400 hours during the summer and \$3,000 for working 200 hours over a semester. Interns can also receive law school credit for their Internship if first approved by both the student's law school and agency.

PILI ensures quality supervision by experienced attorneys while also providing supplemental programmatic, networking and educational opportunities. Internship placements are currently offered in Alton, Bloomington, Chicago, East St. Louis, Champaign, Peoria and Rock Island, Illinois.

PILI's goals are to help our partner agencies increase their impact while also helping Interns develop legal and client interaction skills, build professional networks, and strengthen commitment to public interest law and service.

Work Experience

PILI Interns work on a wide and diverse range of issues depending on the agency where they serve. In addition to direct client services, PILI Interns also work on transactional matters such as policy development and analysis, advocacy, impact litigation, and more.

Here's a look at the kind of work PILI Interns have done recently:

- served as a court appointed Guardian *ad litem* in minor and adult guardianship matters;
- conducted client intake at a detention facility;
- prepared T Visa applications for victims of human trafficking;
- reached out to the migrant farmworker community to educate them on their rights; and
- conducted legal and policy research on public housing and housing mobility related to the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Advising

PILI offers the opportunity for Interns to be placed with an advisor from PILI's Board of Directors or Alumni Network for career guidance, networking inroads and a personal introduction to the Illinois legal community. This is a chance to get connected and start building your professional network from the beginning of your legal career.

Education

As a PILI Intern, your education does not just happen at your agency. PILI organizes a series of weekly educational seminars for Interns over the summer, covering a range of hard skills and substantive law topics related to public interest law and pro bono, as well as career development ideas for law students interested in public interest law. Additionally, each fall and spring, we host at least one educational program for school-year PILI Interns.

Community

When you become a PILI Intern, you join a class of over 100 law students and graduates serving the public interest through PILI that year. You also become part of a distinguished group of 4,000 law students and lawyers who have been PILI Law Student Interns or Graduate Fellows since PILI was founded in 1977. With PILI's Alumni Network, you can stay connected to PILI throughout your career through educational, networking, service and leadership opportunities.



How to apply:

1. Visit our website to read about the agencies participating in our Internship Program and to see Internship job descriptions for each agency. PILI makes grants to pre-approved agencies to fund Intern stipends.
2. Apply to up to 10 agencies through PILI's website at www.pili.org/apply.
3. Agencies select from among their applicants who they want to interview and ultimately hire.



The application system opens for each Internship period at 10:00 a.m. CST on the below dates. The application process for PILI Internships can be highly competitive, so apply early!

- **Fall Semester:** August 1st
- **Spring Semester:** October 15th
- **Summer Semester:**
November 1st for 2Ls
November 15th for 1Ls

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