

## Application Requirements:

- Current student at an ABA accredited school
- Resume, cover letter, and short writing sample (3 pages).
- Commitment to Access to Justice for low income communities.
- Demonstrated interest in preferred area of law.
- Prior professional experience or coursework in selected issue area preferred but not required.
- Available to work 40 hrs/week for the duration of the 8 week program.

## A note on funding:

VLP internships are unpaid, however, we are happy to provide commitment letters to students seeking alternate sources of funding for summer positions at VLP.

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Buffalo, NY

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Go to the "Internship  
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# ECBA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT

Summer  
Associate  
Program

SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT HEARD





## **SPEAKING FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT HEARD**

Since 1986, VLP has been providing free civil legal services to low income people. Over 32 years, more than 2,000 private attorneys have donated their time to represent over 30,000 clients pro bono. VLP's staff attorneys have represented an additional 60,000 clients. We provide legal representation in a variety of practice areas including: housing, family law, immigration, tax, unemployment benefits, divorce, and bankruptcy.

## **UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY**

VLP interns gain practical experience and work directly with VLP clients and attorneys. VLP provides on-site training, weekly "lunch and learn" sessions, and opportunities to network with judges, politicians, and community leaders.

## **GROWTH & INNOVATION**

VLP provides an opportunity to be on the front line of legal services. Every day our staff and volunteers create and implement new approaches to providing valuable and needed services to low income communities.

# **SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**

## **FAMILY LAW PROGRAM**

The Family Court Help Desk is a free walk in legal clinic located at family court where clients can receive legal advice on custody, visitation and child support matters.

Additionally, VLP staff attorneys provide full representation to clients in non-parent custody matters and in child support matters. Interns will conduct intake at the help desk and provide support to attorneys on full representation cases. (Note: reliable transportation required as help desk operates in Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua Counties).

## **LEGAL SERVICES FOR POSITIVE FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS**

VLP provides free legal services to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Although this program has a special focus on end of life planning, attorneys provide full representation on a variety of civil legal issues including family law, housing, bankruptcy, and public benefits.

Interns will provide support to staff attorneys on pending cases, and participate in various outreach events with community organizations.

## **IMMIGRATION**

VLP provides representation to people who are detained by US Immigration at the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility in Batavia NY and facing removal proceedings. Interns will provide support to attorneys working on removal cases. Research projects may also touch on concurrent criminal matters, as well as research on countries of origin.

## **LOW INCOME TAX PAYERS & COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

VLP's Low Income Tax Payer Clinic provides representation to clients who have a case in controversy with the IRS. Our Community and Economic Development program provides transactional services to not for profit organizations and low income small business entrepreneurs. Interns will conduct intake, provide legal research and accompany staff attorneys to community outreach and education events.

## **EVICTIION DEFENSE**

The Attorney of the Morning Program provides free same day legal representation to low income clients facing eviction in Buffalo City Court. Our Housing Helpline provides legal advice and information to clients with housing issues in Erie County. Interns will conduct intake and provide support through legal research.

## **PRO BONO UNIT**

The Pro Bono unit helps recruit volunteer attorneys, creates and supports all of our limited scope legal clinics, and develops continuing legal education events. Interns will support staff attorneys in program management and development, outreach, education, and recruitment.

## **GENERAL PRACTICE**

VLP provides full representation to low income clients on a variety of civil legal issues including Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, Divorce, wills, tort defense and small estate administration. Interns will conduct intake and complete legal research for staff attorneys and volunteer attorneys on a variety of civil legal issues.