

LEGAL AID SOCIETY – ELDER & DISABILITY JUSTICE INITIATIVE FALL 2026 INTERNSHIP

The Elder & Disability Justice Initiative of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services is seeking candidates for a Fall 2026 law student internship that will focus on advocacy for elder and disabled victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The intern will work with the Elder & Disability Justice Initiative attorneys to provide legal services in a variety of cases, including orders of protection, elder financial exploitation, housing law, and guardianship. This is a part-time, unpaid position, though applicants are encouraged to seek external funding, work-study funding, or class credits. The position is based in Chicago and will be hybrid. The intern must be able to come in person to the Domestic Violence Courthouse and attend outreach events held by the EDJI team.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Identify and analyze legal problems and solutions relevant to adult guardianship, elder financial exploitation, housing, and other related issues;
2. Participate with attorneys in client interviews and negotiations with adverse parties;
3. Prepare legal documents including motions, discovery materials, and pleadings in connection with court proceedings;
4. Maintain client files and data; and
5. Work effectively with staff and a diverse client population.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

1. An interest in elder law or victim advocacy;
2. Excellent research and writing skills;
3. The ability to communicate effectively with attorneys, clients, and co-workers;
4. Strong organizational skills and attention to detail; and
5. Patience and professionalism while working with diverse populations.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. A background in public interest work, elder law, health care law, or family law;
2. Spanish language fluency; and
3. An Illinois 711-license (or the ability to obtain one at the start of the internship).

To apply, please email a **resume and cover letter** to Elizabeth Gresk, Director of Pro Bono, at LASinterns@metrofamily.org. Please note in the subject line the position which you are applying for (EDJI). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Please note: a background check and fingerprinting will be required as part of the on-boarding process.