



The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project Intern Positions Summer 2014

About the Florence Project

The Florence Project is a nonprofit legal service organization that provides free legal services to men, women and children detained in Arizona by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Although the government assists indigent criminal defendants and civil litigants through public defenders and legal aid attorneys, it does not provide attorneys for people facing deportation charges. As a result, many people go unrepresented due to poverty. The Florence Project strives to address this inequity both locally and nationally.

Interns

The Florence Project is nationally known for its delivery of unique legal services. Interns will serve detained adults or unaccompanied minors in immigration proceedings. S/he will work directly with clients, conducting intake interviews, assisting with applications for relief including asylum, and some drafting of legal filings for use in immigration court and appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals and Ninth Circuit. Law student interns for two or more seasons may also have the opportunity to represent individuals in hearings before an immigration judge under the supervision of a staff attorney. We encourage applicants to review our programs and visit our website at www.firrp.org.

The Florence Project has positions for two to four volunteer law clerks based out of our Florence office to work with our Florence and Eloy programs and one to two volunteer law clerks for our Phoenix office to work with unaccompanied immigrant children. We are seeking law students who have a demonstrated commitment to immigration issues and public interest law and enjoy working in a collaborative, high volume work environment and can work independently with significant responsibility. ***Fluency in Spanish is necessary***. Prior advocacy or academic experience in immigration law, excellent writing and interpersonal skills, and experience working with people from different cultures are also helpful.

First year students are welcome to apply. Our volunteer internship positions are unpaid. However, we have limited subsidized housing available in Florence, and we provide support on student applications for funding.

Recruitment

Please email a cover letter, resume and writing sample to jobs@firrp.org. Applicants will be interviewed by telephone and positions will be filled on a rolling basis so you are encouraged to apply early.

The Florence Project recognizes the value of diversity in the workplace and strongly encourages from people of color, LGBTQ individuals, persons with disabilities and members of under-represented or disadvantaged communities to apply.