RISING FOR JUSTICE

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Criminal Record Sealing Program Undergraduate Internship – Spring 2027

Rising for Justice (RFJ) seeks dedicated interns for its Criminal Record Sealing Program. Interns will work directly on client cases in a legal nonprofit environment. Strong organizational and communication skills, along with a demonstrated commitment to client service, are required.

About Rising for Justice:

Created in 1969, RFJ, formerly known as D.C. Law Students in Court, is the oldest clinical legal education program in the District of Columbia. RFJ currently operates as a public interest legal services provider and clinical education program. Our mission is to leverage the collective forces of students and experienced advocates to achieve justice for all.

RFJ values equal justice and diversity. We maintain a vibrant, welcoming, and collaborative workplace, encouraging open exchange of ideas and respect for all viewpoints. We seek interns who share our mission and values.

What we do:

RFJ's Criminal Record Sealing Program is one of the few in Washington, D.C., offering free attorney representation to individuals seeking to seal their criminal records. We represent clients directly and partner with pro bono attorneys to guide D.C. residents through the complex record-clearing process.

Responsibilities:

We seek interns who are committed to RFJ's mission and the Criminal Record Sealing Program. This unpaid internship provides meaningful, hands-on experience working directly with clients and valuable exposure to legal practice.

Some typical assignments include:

- Assisting with the intake process for RFJ's Criminal Record Sealing Program
- Conducting investigations and interviewing clients and witnesses
- Managing and updating our case management files
- Assisting with law clinics, community resource fairs, and fundraising events
- Developing content for marketing and outreach efforts
- Responding to telephone and email inquiries
- Providing additional office support as needed

Application Instructions:

The application deadline is December 1, 2026. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to expungement@risingforjustice.org with the subject line: "Undergraduate Internship Application – [Your Name]".