

COOL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK OPPORTUNITIES

This packet contains just a sampling of some of the cool human rights internships WCL students found last summer. They are divided into domestic and international internships. Please feel free to contact any of them if you have questions about the organizations they worked for or their internship experiences.

DOMESTIC

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This summer I worked at the Immigrants' Rights Project (IRP) of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). IRP defends the civil and constitutional rights of immigrants in the United States through strategic impact litigation, advocacy, and education. The IRP, in alliance with community-based organizations, identifies systemic problems facing immigrants and establishes creative methods to file cutting-edge constitutional and class action cases to combat these issues.

As a legal intern, I generally assisted IRP's attorneys with legal research, factual investigation, and writing in new and ongoing immigration cases chosen for their potential impact on laws and policies. I researched and wrote memoranda for impact litigation responding to civil liberties violations caused by federal and local immigration enforcement, including a racial profiling complaint against Sheriff Arpaio and Maricopa County. I also researched a state ordinance criminalizing unauthorized work, a civil rights statute that provides attorney fees, and other related research. I sat in on conference calls strategizing around litigation, receiving updates on raids, and mooted for upcoming trials. I went to meetings with some workers affected by local raids and helped interview one of the workers to prepare a Motion to Suppress. I had the opportunity to attend conferences and panel discussions that took place in the Bay Area.

I got funding through EJP and the Federal Work Study. IRP also contributed a small amount to my summer stipend. IRP posts their ad for summer positions on the website in the late fall.

American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area (ACLU-NCA) *Ethan Maron - ethan.maron@gmail.com*

Most people leave 2L year spoiling for a fight. You know enough law that you think you can win anything (even though you can't), and a year of spading has left you with a lot of pent-up aggression. I decided that I wanted to fight Really Big Guys, so I grabbed an EJP grant and spent the summer tilting at windmills for the ACLU. This was, without doubt, the best job I've ever had. I helped people who'd been arrested for no reason, or unconstitutional reasons. I sent FOIA requests to agencies I didn't even know existed in the District, and followed up with politely menacing appeals letters when they gave my office the run-around. I learned how to deal with client interviews – it turns out that it's okay once you realize they're just as scared of you as you are of them. Above all

else, I learned how to take a pile of random papers from a client – notes, napkins, jail property receipts and grocery lists – and turn it into a coherent narrative, a way to understand the complicated, confusing facts that real-world clients tend to bring to the table. This gig will, without a doubt, make you a better law student and a better lawyer. Why are you still reading this? Go apply for a summer fellowship! (And an EJF grant, unless you don't mind living in cardboard for the summer.)

Ayuda, Family Law/ Domestic Violence Program - Washington, DC
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I assisted the attorneys to prepare for Civil Protection Order hearings for immigrant women. I also assisted the attorneys in research and drafting for custody and divorce cases. I accompanied clients with custody court dates at the D.C. Superior Court. I also worked one-on-one with clients to help them complete pro se divorce and custody petitions. I worked on VAWA and U visa petitions to submit to USCIS for immigration benefits on behalf of domestic violence victims as well. I received funding through Equal Justice Foundation. Ayuda attorneys are very experienced and motivated and make sure that interns have a meaningful experience. I applied through WCL's externship fair early last spring.

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition – Washington, DC
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CAIR Coalition provides direct legal services to hundreds of immigrants currently held in detention in Virginia and Maryland who are in removal proceedings. I highly recommend CAIR Coalition as an organization that gives students good knowledge and hands-on legal experience in the field of immigration. I had worked with them before through my previous job at Detention Watch Network, but they recruit during the Externship Fair at WCL during the spring semester. I got funding for the summer through an EJF grant, which covered all my expenses over the summer.

One of my two largest projects over the summer included coordinating meetings with the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (IACHR) visit to the US detention system. I coordinated with other immigration advocates across the country in developing materials to brief the IACHR delegation, conducted interviews with current detainees about jail conditions, presented in front of the IACHR delegation and advocates on my findings, and coordinated the meeting between former detainees and the delegation. I also headed the project on updating the materials on gang-based asylum. I conducted research on recent gang-based asylum decisions, updated country reports, and developed materials to guide attorneys in the best legal strategies to use in arguing claims based on gang-asylum.

My weekly responsibilities were equally diverse. I joined in one or two jail visits a week where I either conducted "know your rights" presentation to detainees in Spanish or I conducted individual interviews of detainees in Spanish. I also participated once or twice a week in "intake reviews" where the office gathered to discuss the

interviews taken during the jail visits and doled out cases to the legal interns for further evaluation or for response. I drafted several letters and conducted follow up research on the individual cases. I wrote short memos whenever a case called for a more thorough legal evaluation and wrote letters advising detainees of their rights. I also stationed the "detention line" two to three times a week, where I spoke with detainees either new to the organization or with whom CAIR had already established a record of correspondence. I also developed sample letters and some instructions to materials in both English and Spanish for future use. CAIR is very laidback and loves interns!

CASA de Maryland

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CASA de Maryland is one of the largest Latino and immigrant organizations in the state of Maryland (<http://www.casademaryland.org/>). I worked on a Trafficking (T) visa application for a diplomatic domestic worker, including preparing the client's personal statement, drafting a demand letter to the employer for unpaid wages, preparing exhibits, following up with witnesses, and participating in interviews with law enforcement. I researched foreign affairs manuals and regulations regarding the rights of domestic workers on A3, G5, and B1 visas. I also played an active role in raid response to a June 2008 immigration raid in Annapolis, MD, including interviewing detainees immediately following the raid. Last, I participated in meetings with Maryland county sheriffs in an effort to combat 287(g) agreements between ICE and local police officials. Although the externship was unpaid, I received four credits through the externship program.

Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services - Washington, DC

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My supervising attorney (in Catholic Charities' Chinatown office) specialized in employment and criminal immigration matters in addition to the more conventional family immigration and adjustment of status cases. I assisted her with client interviews, foreign and domestic legal research, assembling petitions and applications, and communication with clients and government agencies. I also attended the meetings of community advocates such as the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition as well as "stakeholder meetings" at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. I made the contact for the internship at WCL's Externship Fair in January. My funding came from the Equal Justice Foundation at WCL and Equal Justice America.

Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) – New York, New York

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During summer 2008, I served as an Ella Baker Fellow with the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) with a \$10,000 scholarship from the Hispanic Bar

Association of D.C. Foundation. I supported CCR's International Human Rights and Racial Justice dockets, helping to file an appellate brief before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in an Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA) case. (ATCA is a jurisdictional statute from the eighteenth century that allows foreigners to bring civil suits in Federal District Court for torts committed in violation of the laws of nations.) CCR pioneered the statute's modern-day application to provide victims of human rights abuses monetary redress for their harms. I worked with CCR attorneys to appeal a motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction on behalf of Nigerian plaintiffs. I also conducted research on criminal justice and mental health issues in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.

Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section – Washington, DC

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Though most of us don't think about working at the Department of Justice as "cool human rights work," (and before this summer, neither did I), I was pleasantly surprised after ten weeks at the DOJ's Civil Rights Division's Special Litigation Section (one week of which I spent in Texas!). The Special Litigation Section has the authority to investigate facilities to determine whether there is a pattern or practice of violations of residents' federal rights. (The Section is not authorized to represent individuals or to address specific individual cases.) It focuses on the civil rights of institutionalized persons (*e.g.*, individuals in prisons, nursing homes, mental health hospitals, etc.) and also looks into the conduct of law enforcement agencies. The Section also enforces the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act and certain aspects of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. Quite a few of the attorneys have public interest backgrounds, and they will assign you a mentor during the summer, which was really helpful.

I worked on everything from investigating police misconduct to traveling with attorneys and consultants to a jail in Texas. In Texas, I did everything from speaking with inmates to shadowing consultants - all as part of a federal tour of a prison after allegations of civil rights violations. I submitted my resume at the WCL's externship fair that takes place at the beginning of second semester, and they invited me to interview over the phone. The position is unpaid, but I got an EJP grant to fund my summer. (EJP will fund government work if you can show that it is public interest-related and unpaid.) The Section's website is <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/split/index.html>. Please contact me if you have any question. Alternatively, you can also reach the Section's intern coordinator, Laura Coon, at Laura.Coon@usdoj.gov.

Human Rights Watch – Washington, DC

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This past summer, I worked as a Law Clerk in Human Rights Watch's Counterterrorism and Human Rights Department. I worked closely with the HRW

Counterterrorism Senior Counsel to perform factual and legal research. I worked on issues such as torture, detention, rendition, foreign aid, material support, immigration, military commissions and private military contractors. The job rocked because I not only worked on these incredible research areas, but also attended lots of events and panels in D.C. and met practitioners who work in the national security law area. Because I loved this position, I actually worked there for nine months. I received summer funding through EJF. I would be happy to put anyone in to contact with the HRW staff who hire for this position.

National Security Archive at George Washington University – Washington, DC

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I spent my summer as a law clerk at The National Security Archive during the summer of 2008. The National Security Archive is an independent non-governmental research institute. The Archive collects and publishes declassified documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, as well as Mandatory Declassification Review, presidential paper collections, congressional records, and court testimony.

The Archive's legal department consists of two lawyers. The lawyers focus on two distinct missions: public education and advocacy, and litigation. Most of my work as a law clerk, however, related to the former. For example, I accompanied the lawyers to Congressional hearings and other public events. I analyzed legal issues related to government responses to Freedom of Information Act requests in order to contribute to a guidebook for Freedom of Information Act requesters. I also wrote extensively about pending legislation that may affect government secrecy or the release of government information.

Law clerks at The Archive are given a great deal of freedom to find relevant and interesting topics and then complete projects about those topics. This is something to consider if you are someone who prefers specific assignments and extensive lawyer-law clerk interaction.

Natural Resources Defense Council, International Program - Washington, DC

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I worked for NRDC conducting research and analysis concerning existing multilateral funding mechanisms, specifically focusing on the governance of these funds and their successful elements. In this capacity, I served as a contributing author to a future publication detailing specific features of the funds and their applicability to help inform international climate change negotiators on how to structure, establish, and implement a successful financial mechanism for a global climate change treaty. Predominantly, the subject matter on which I focused was situated at the intersection of policy and international law. My understanding is that in addition to this kind of policy-oriented work, NRDC has opportunities for more traditional litigation experience.

I performed this work mostly from a distance, through correspondence, as I was concurrently doing other work, as well. Because this was not a traditional internship in this sense, I cannot speak well to the work climate at NRDC, but all I heard from those with whom I was in contact was that it was a great place to work. I did not receive or pursue funding for this work with NRDC. I had met my supervisor at NRDC earlier in the year at a networking event, kept in contact with her, and then approached her about working with her in the summer. It was a very interesting and useful experience, and I will be interning at NRDC again during the spring semester as a result.

Orleans Public Defenders (OPD) - New Orleans, LA

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Thanks to an EJP grant, I spent the summer at the Orleans Public Defenders (OPD), where I worked as a law clerk with a class of about thirty other law clerks, twenty undergraduate investigative interns, several wonderful staff investigators, a dedicated administration, and over thirty talented public defenders. At OPD, I made daily jail visits to meet with clients, assisted my two supervising attorneys in court, conducted investigation, took witness statements, and supported the organization's growing connections with the community. Of course, I also conducted legal research and wrote memos and motions that my supervisors used and submitted to the court. I loved it. The work was challenging and the people I worked with are gold. Despite New Orleans' mismanagement and corruption in the government; the lack of good jobs, opportunities, human services, and housing; the more-arrests-per-capita-than-any-other-place-in-the-world; true-to-life statistics and treatment of the people by the police and the Sheriff's office; and the general lack of a just justice system, the people at OPD represent the community and represent hope for a better New Orleans. Ask me anything else you want to know.

Program on Information Justice & Intellectual Property (PIJIP) – Washington, DC

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Last summer I worked for a program office at WCL (PIJIP) as a Research Assistant on a special grant-funded project. The project focused on Legal Reform for Cooperative Businesses in Developing Countries. I completed background research, interviews of the clients (several international organizations), drafted case studies, and assembled tools to be used by in-country organizations and advocacy groups to effect legal reform; the final product will be a book/ toolkit. While this exact project might not be available next summer, PIJIP offers many summer opportunities such as Access to Medicines research (both domestic & international), International Trade & IP intersect, international/comparative copyright law issues surrounding filmmakers, and domestic trade secret issues. I found this position through the Docket during the Spring semester (which is an important resource for summer placements, both on and off campus). This position: provided me with valuable project management skills, client interaction as a consultant, and a mixture of academic and practical experiences. In most placements at

PIJIP the focus is on legal research in the project field, writing memoranda, and coordinating projects with outside donors or international universities/groups. One issue to consider is that PIJIP may or may not provide you with a legal writing sample, depending on the project you are involved with, but it will certainly provide you with valuable legal research skills and interesting work!

Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia - Washington, DC
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This summer I worked as a law clerk in the Civil Division of the Public Defender Service, where I split my time between working with adult clients on housing, child support, and family law issues, and working with child clients on special education issues. The law clerk summer program includes an intensive week-long training on criminal defense issues for all clerks regardless of assigned division, so even if you are working in the appellate, civil, or mental health division, you will still get trained on trial advocacy. Additionally, all clerks participate in an on-going trial practice group training throughout summer where we practice things like mock opening statements, cross examinations, and closing statements.

The people at PDS are wonderful: passionate, fun, and dedicated. The work I did in the civil division was varied and interesting. While I did spend some time at the office drafting motions, writing legal memorandum, and making phone calls for my attorney, I was often out of the office, at Superior court or school meetings (where I would advocate for clients or just observe), or at D.C. jail (where I would interview clients or translate for PDS staff).

Tahirih Justice Center – Falls Church, VA
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The Tahirih Justice Center (Tahirih) is an organization that provides immigration legal services for women fleeing gender-based violence. My summer position was a continuation of a yearlong internship at Tahirih. Before I get to the merits of my summer work, I want to highlight how different my experience was in the summer compared to the work during the school year. For those students who find an externship during the school year that they are considering as a career option, I suggest you take the opportunity to work at the organization over the summer.

A WCL alum founded Tahirih, and the organization has a long history of hiring WCL interns. Because of this long history, Tahirih provides its student interns with an amazing amount of direct client experience. Throughout the past year, I participated in the representation of over twenty clients. The majority of my work was direct services to immigrant women, and I had primary responsibility for representation for the majority of my cases (with the support of a supervising attorney). During the summer, I filed U and T visa applications for survivors of severe crimes and human trafficking, and I administered intakes for individuals seeking Tahirih's services. In addition, I co-authored a brief requesting that United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) allow

nonimmigrant parents of minor US citizen crime victims to file for U visa status on behalf of their children, and I had the opportunity to learn about many aspects of criminal and immigration law. While all of my clients were residing in the United States, the nature of the work allowed me to gain experience in both domestic and international legal issues.

The attorneys, paralegals and other full-time staff are very helpful and the organization is extremely inviting and supportive. Unfortunately, the position was unpaid, but thankfully, I was able to fund my summer position with the help of an equal justice grant. I highly recommend the Tahirih Justice Center for individuals with an interest in gender issues, immigration law, and direct services.

The Defender Association (TDA) – Seattle, Washington

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TDA is a non-profit organization that represents indigent criminal defendants in Seattle Municipal Court and King County Superior Court. As a 2L intern, I carried a caseload of misdemeanor cases in Seattle Municipal Court and sat second chair on felony cases in King County Court. Under Washington State Rules, students who complete two years of law school can obtain a temporary bar license to practice in court. It was a great experience because I not only got a chance to represent clients in court, but I also got to make the strategic decisions on cases. If you have any questions about this internship, please feel free to contact me.

Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

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This past summer, I interned at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in their Prisoners' Rights Project. I conducted intakes with clients over the phone or in person at the jail, investigated issues related to clients' conditions of confinement, and conducted legal and factual research. Additionally, I drafted Freedom of Information Act appeals and office memos exploring legal issues for clients who were wrongfully imprisoned. There were three legal interns in our project, and the other projects had about 1-3 interns each. In our project, interns had their own caseload of about 10-12 clients, and had a few more substantial legal research and writing assignments. I applied for the internship in December after the Public Interest career counselor at WCL's Office of Career and Professional Development informed me that an alum worked at the Prisoners' Rights Project. After contacting her, I applied for the internship, interviewed with her, and was offered a position.

I funded my summer expenses through three sources: 1) Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF): Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship; 2) South Asian Bar Association of D.C. Public Interest Fellowship; 3) Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program that provides a \$1,000 voucher for school-related expenses and loans. I also received funding from two other sources - Equal Justice Foundation and Equal Justice America – which I rejected because students could only use these funds if, in total with other funding, we did not receive more than a certain amount for the summer.

INTERNATIONAL

Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic – Jerusalem, Israel

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The Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic in East Jerusalem is fairly new and so far has focused on providing on-site legal training for the law students at Al-Quds. During my two months there, I worked on formulating a public pressure and advocacy campaign for Palestinians leaving Iraq who are currently living in border camps near Syria and Jordan. This project provided me with an opportunity to not only learn about the unique legal situation of Palestinian refugees, but to also develop my communications skills as I worked with consulates, UN organs, and the Palestinian Authority alike. In addition, I was able to personally experience what it is like to live under an occupation. One of the two attorneys who worked in the clinic is an alumnus from our law school with whom I was put in touch through our Office of Career and Professional Development. In regards to funding, I had to take out student loans because most funding was dependent on working for ten weeks, and I was only there for eight weeks.

Amnesty International – Paraguay (Reebok Human Rights Fellow)

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I served as an International Consultant with Amnesty International Paraguay, where I evaluated the national office's implementation of the Control Arms Campaign. Part of an international effort, this campaign has two primary objectives in Paraguay: first, to achieve government support for the International Arms Trade Treaty being discussed at the United Nations and second, to prevent armed violence in the country through education on the risk of possessing a weapon. My work involved analysis of past and current projects; interviewing specialists, influential members of society, and citizens; and preparing a report on best practices. Applicants were selected by Amnesty International USA. Reebok provided a stipend that covered the flight, accommodation, and most food.

Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy - Cameroon

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I actually found out about CHRAPA at last year's panel on "Cool Human Rights Work I Did on My Summer Vacation." I was immediately interested in the opportunity to work with an NGO that had a legal slant to working with human rights issues. CHRAPA works with human rights monitoring, election protection, the rights of women and the prevention of child trafficking. While I was there, I was able to conduct legal research and interviews under a barrister for a field study on the correlation between the recent increase in mob rule and corruption within the Cameroonian judicial system. I also worked with another WCL student to conduct radio campaigns on the legal consequences of child trafficking and mob violence. Finally, I also worked with a

CHRAPA team to create a rehabilitation center for victims of child trafficking. Working and living in Cameroon is both a great way to get your hands dirty in advocating for human rights and a great way to make new friends and to explore a different culture.

Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) - Sofia, Bulgaria

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CSD is a Bulgarian non-governmental organization (NGO) in Sofia, Bulgaria. CSD focuses on institutional reform in Bulgaria with an emphasis on anti-corruption, judicial reform, and the legal transition into the European Union. I worked in the Law Program, researching, editing English language texts, and preparing a literature review for a wider project on public confidence in criminal justice. I applied to the CSD because of my interest in anti-corruption efforts in Eastern Europe. The pay was low, but the cost of living in Sofia is also quite low, so funding was not a problem. The Law Program itself was small but very collegial. The only difficulty I encountered was the Cyrillic alphabet (I probably should have tried to understand it before I arrived). Otherwise, Bulgaria is a beautiful country and I highly recommend spending your summer there.

Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM) – Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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The Documentation Center (DC-CAM, <http://www.dccam.org>) is an independent and nonpartisan organization that has been at the forefront of gathering and disseminating information on the brutal Khmer Rouge regime since its inception in 1995. As a legal intern working under Anne Heindel, a former WCL employee, I wrote a submission to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), the tribunal established to try former Khmer Rouge leaders for war crimes and crimes against humanity. My submission focused on public access to Court proceedings and documents and how it impacts both the rights of the accused and the rights of victims. Legal interns work on any number of intriguing issues being presented by the ECCC. DC-CAM was an absolutely wonderful place to work; everyone in the organization is friendly and helpful, and they have ensure that you make the most of your time in the country.

International Organization for Migration – Bangkok, Thailand

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This summer I worked for IOM Thailand in their Counter Trafficking Unit (<http://www.iom.int/jahia/Jahia/pid/503>). My international legal work included preparation of working group questions for a series of meetings in the Lao PDR to adopt Regional Guiding Principles on Protection of Trafficked Persons. These Guiding Principles had been adopted at the regional level among countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion and were in the process of being endorsed at the state level. I also worked at the IOM's day care program for children at the Bangkok Immigrant Detention Center,

where I taught English to children who had been detained as illegal migrants with their parents, some of whom were receiving assistance from the UNHCR in relocating to English-speaking third countries. Finally, I assisted the Counter Trafficking Unit with several grant proposals to continue its Return and Reintegration programs. These programs largely consisted of assistance to the Thai and neighboring country governments in the form of financial and technical assistance to improve policies and practices for assisting identified trafficked persons.

I would recommend the IOM Thailand office as a hub of counter-trafficking work in the region. The Thai and foreign-born staff of the IOM are also extremely friendly and knowledgeable, which makes for a great working environment. I received an EJF grant in order to be able to fund my work abroad.

ProAcceso - Santiago, Chile

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This past summer (or winter in the southern hemisphere), after participating in WCL's summer abroad program in Chile, I stayed in Santiago to work at ProAcceso, a nonprofit organization that focuses on transparency in Chile and Latin America. Because it was a very small nonprofit, I was able to learn a lot about the organization and civil society and Chile. My main project was writing a paper about the nascent Chilean salmon farming industry, which I knew nothing about prior to working at ProAcceso. My supervisors were very flexible with what I could write about, and I primarily examined the regulations for sanitary and labor conditions. I was able to learn a lot in a short period of time. Because I did not intern for ten weeks, I was unable to secure funding; I used leftover loans from the summer study abroad program.

United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials- Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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I found out about the internship position on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) website. I worked as a Dean's Fellow with the WCRO after my 1L year, so I am sure that those contacts helped. I am interested in international criminal and human rights law in addition to rule of law, so I knew that I wanted to experience working at hybrid international tribunal where I could work with both domestic (Cambodian) attorneys and attorneys from all over the world. I financed the position with an EJF grant, and while the flight was not cheap, the expenses were not too bad once I got over there. I loved my work experience with the UN, even if it was frustrating at times. I worked primarily on helping to draft the formal indictment against a former Khmer Rouge official. It required a nice balance of analyzing evidence, researching international criminal law, and drafting. Sometimes it could be slow in between larger assignments but, with initiative, you could always help with something interesting. An American attorney was my supervisor, but I also worked with attorneys from Europe and South East Asia, which was an exciting learning experience. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about UN tribunals or Cambodia.