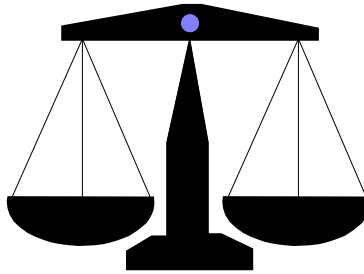
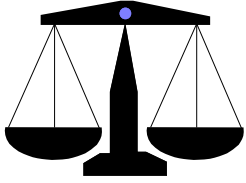


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ACORN—Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now

The Association engages in organizational work for communities, involving landlord-tenant, voting rights, free speech, FCC, insurance, banking, and civil disobedience issues.

Contact: Madhu Wijesinghe, 202-547-9292

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH)

ASH is a nonprofit charitable trust primarily involved in advocacy in the area of nonsmokers' rights. ASH cannot handle cases involving individual rights, but will sue government agencies to protect the rights of nonsmokers and provide testimony on such issues.

Contact: Velma Dessuit, Office Manager, 202-659-4310 or ashlegal@cs.net

Advancement Project

The Advancement Project (AP), a policy, communications and legal action group committed to racial justice, was founded by a team of veteran civil rights lawyers in 1998. Our mission is to develop, encourage, and widely disseminate innovative ideas, and pioneer models that inspire and mobilize a broad national racial justice movement to achieve universal opportunity and a just democracy. Advancement Project partners with community organizations, bringing them the tools of legal advocacy and strategic communications to dismantle structural exclusion. To implement our theory of change, Advancement Project continues to operate on two planes: locally, we provide direct, hands-on support for on-the-ground efforts; nationally, we actively broaden and extend the practice of community-centered racial justice lawyering through training, networking, creation of tools and resources, media outreach and public education. We also operate a communications department that, in partnership with allies, uses sophisticated strategies to raise awareness of racial and social inequities and generate public will for progressive and systemic change.

Contact: Alexi Nunn, Intern Coordinator, 202-728-9557 or anunn@advancementproject.org

Advocacy Institute

The Advocacy Institute works to make social justice leadership strategic, effective, and sustainable in pursuit of a just world. Founded in 1985, the Advocacy Institute remains grounded in the following core values as it works to achieve a just society: justice for those denied justice; economic equality for those denied sustenance and opportunity; public health and security for those at preventable risk; and access to political power for those who have been denied an equal voice in the policy-making process. In such a society, all people are able to participate fully in shaping public values and policies.

Contact: Ronald S. Mezo, 202-777-7571 or rmezo@advocacy.org

Africa Legal, Human and Civil Rights Center

ALHCRC, Inc. is a non-profit organization with tax exempt status. Its main goal is to provide legal services to immigrants, non-immigrants, and the less-than privileged.

Contact: Dr. Peter Njang, 202-829-5383 or alhcrc@aol.com

Alliance for Justice

The Alliance for Justice is a national association of environmental, civil rights, mental health, women's, children's and consumer advocacy organizations. Since its inception in 1979, the Alliance has worked to advance the cause of justice for all Americans, strengthen the public interest community's ability to influence public policy, and foster the next generation of advocates.

Contact: Kellee McIntosh, Intern Coordinator, 202-822-6070 or Kelly@afj.org

American-Arab Antidiscrimination Committee

Students will have the opportunity to work on broad-based issues related to domestic civil rights and international human rights. Currently, much of our work is focused on the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, the prevention of anti-Arab hate crimes and harassment, and the defense of civil liberties. While the program is mainly directed towards Arab Americans, students of all ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Arabic language skills are desirable but not mandatory. The summer program is full-time and includes an educational component. Positions during the school year can be part-time. If students do not receive course credit for the program, a small stipend is provided.

Contact: Ms. Leila Laoudji, 202-244-2990 or llaoudji@adc.org

American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is the nation's largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination in higher education. Since 1981 the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has helped students, faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education challenge discriminatory practices such as sexual harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, pay inequity, and inequality in women's athletics programs.

Contact: Lisa Mets, Intern Coordinator, 202-785-7750

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence

The mission of the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence is to mobilize the legal profession to provide access to justice and safety for victims of domestic violence. Founded in 1994, the Commission is the only national organization that focuses exclusively on improving the legal response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The mission of the Commission is to increase access to justice for victims of domestic violence by mobilizing the legal profession.

Contact: Rebecca Henry, 202-662-1737 or henryr@staff.abanet.org

American Bar Association Commission on Immigration

The Commission directs Association efforts to ensure fair and unbiased treatment, and full due process rights, for immigrants and refugees within the United States. Acting in coordination with other Association entities, as well as governmental and non-governmental bodies, the Commission: advocates for appropriate statutory and regulatory modifications in law and governmental practice consistent with Association policy; provides continuing education and timely information about trends, court decisions and pertinent developments for members of the legal community, judges, affected individuals and the public; and develops and assists the on-going operation of pro bono programs that encourage volunteer lawyers to provide high quality, effective legal representation for individuals in immigration courts, with special emphasis on the needs of the most vulnerable immigrant and refugee populations.

Contact: Irena Lieberman, Staff Director, 202-662-1008 or Liebermi@staff.abanet.org

American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project

The Project offers the opportunity to gain familiarity with numerous policy issues surrounding the death penalty, such as innocence, race, and utilitarian and retributive concerns. Assignments include both traditional legal research as well as research using unconventional sources. An internship presents the challenge of writing persuasively about legal issues for a non-legal audience and the opportunity to participate in grassroots organizing.

Contact: Josh Noble, Project Administrator, 202-675-2319

American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland

The ACLU of Maryland works to ensure that all people in MD are free to think and speak as they choose and can lead their lives free from discrimination and unwarranted government intrusion.

Contact: Amy Cruice, 410-889-8555, or cruce@aclu-md.org

American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area

Assist in the work of the legal program of this ACLU affiliate by reviewing requests for legal help, including fact research (interviewing and field research as needed) and legal research, preparing recommendations for responses to requests, corresponding with requestors, and preparing for meetings of the affiliate's legal committee where action is taken on pending requests.

Contact: Jessica Langley, 202-457-0800 or jessica@aclu-nca.org

American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project

The National Prison Project of the ACLU Foundation focuses on issues relating to prisoners' rights and conditions of confinement. All clients are prisoners and the project handles a caseload of approximately 25 cases per year, primarily class actions.

Contact: E.M. Bigelow, 202-393-4930 or gbigelow@npp-aclu.org

American Civil Liberties Union Washington Legislative Office

The Washington Office is responsible for the national legislative program of the ACLU. It advocates civil liberties issues including free speech, privacy, women's rights, separation of church and state, gay and lesbian rights, and civil rights.

Contact: Caroline Frederickson, Director, 202-544-1681

Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)

ADA is the nation's oldest, liberal, independent political organization. It focuses on economic, military, foreign, social, and environmental issues, and maintains a political action committee (ADA/PAC). It publishes a weekly legislative newsletter for liberal activists. ADA also publishes a quarterly newsletter, including the annual voting record.

Contact: Valerie Dulk-Jacobs, 202-785-5980 or valeriedj@adaction.org

American Humanist Association

The American Humanist Association's Humanist Legal Center provides law students with an opportunity to support the organization's work advancing secular Humanist values and progressive issue advocacy, focusing on church-state separation, civil liberties, reproductive freedom, human rights, and equality. Pro bono tasks may include supporting legal center staff, conducting legal research, drafting pleadings and briefs, and researching potential cases. We look for law students who are enthusiastic, organized, self-motivated, and reliable, with an interest in Humanism and progressive issues.

Contact: legal@americanhumanist.org

American Jewish Congress—National Capital Region

The American Jewish Congress periodically provides direct representation to plaintiffs in religious, racial, and gender discrimination cases, with a special focus on cases involving religious liberty and/or separation of church and state. AJ Congress also files amicus briefs in appellate cases pertaining to religious freedom, separation of church and state, reproductive freedom, civil rights, and a variety of other issues. Finally, AJ Congress has in the past provided pro bono legal assistance to disadvantaged members of the local Jewish community, who are in need of legal representation, especially recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The cases cover a wide range of areas, including landlord/tenant and immigration.

Contact: Jonathan Kurz, 202-466-9661 or jkurz@ajcongress.org

American Library Association

The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

Contact: Pat May, Director of Administration, 202-628-8410 or pmay@alawash.org

American Rivers, Inc.

American Rivers is a non-profit conservation organization. Its mission is to protect and restore America's rivers and to foster a river stewardship ethic.

Contact: Finette Jones, Director of Administration, 202-347-7550 or fjones@americanrivers.org

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State

Since 1947, Americans United has led the way in defending the separation of church and state, the cornerstone of religious liberty in America. As a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization, AU's membership includes Christians, Jews, Buddhists, people with no religious affiliation and others. Democrats, Republicans and independents have joined our ranks. Americans United is an independent organization with no ties to any larger group or political movement.

Contact: Rena Levin, 202-466-3234 or levin@au.org

American University Washington College of Law Clinical Program

Civil Practice, Community and Economic Development, Criminal Justice, D.C. Law Students in Court, Domestic Violence, Intellectual Property, International Human Rights, Federal Tax, Women and the Law. Students may only receive pro bono credit if they are not also receiving academic credit.

Contact: Stephanie Fitts, Program Administrator, 202-274-4142 or sfitts@wcl.american.edu

Anti-Defamation League

The ADL handles cases involving religious discrimination.

Contact: Michael Lieberman, Washington Counsel, 202-452-8310 or mliberman@adl.org

Appleseed Center—DC Center for Law and Justice

The DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice is a nonprofit organization dedicated to solving important public policy problems facing the Washington, DC metropolitan area. To advance this mission, DC Appleseed organizes volunteers, including attorneys and other experts, who work in teams to analyze and develop solutions to problems facing the region. Depending on the problem being addressed, DC Appleseed's projects involve working with broad coalitions, issuing reports, participating in regulatory proceedings, bringing lawsuits, managing public education campaigns, and meeting with and/or testifying before governmental decision-makers. We are a local organization, working exclusively on a broad array of the biggest public policy problems facing the National Capital area, including healthcare, voting representation, education reform, environmental concerns, jobs, and housing.

Contact: Wayne Turner, 202-289-8007 ext.18 or wturner@dcappleseed.org

Appleseed Foundation

Appleseed works in common cause with other professionals, students, and public interest advocates to, among other things, ensure public health, foster economic development, protect children, and make government work better. Appleseed organizes, assists, and connects public interest law centers which address systematic problems at the local and state levels. The projects of these centers are driven by the needs and resources of their own areas, and range from government management and campaign finance reform, to reform of state foster care, health care and juvenile justice systems.

Contact: Betsy Cavendish, Executive Director, 202-347-7960

Archdiocesan Legal Network (ALN)

ALN provides referrals to attorneys and will occasionally directly handle matters in the following areas: domestic relations, labor/employment disputes, public entitlements, bankruptcy or insolvency resulting from medical debt or job loss, wills and probate, guardianship and landlord/tenant relations.

Contact: James Bishop, 202-772-4325

Armenian National Committee of America

The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) is the largest and most influential Armenian American grassroots political organization. Working in coordination with a network of offices, chapters and supporters throughout the United States and affiliated organizations around the world, the ANCA actively advances the concerns of the Armenian American community on a broad range of issues.

Contact: Elizabeth Chouldjian, 202-775-1918 or anca@anca.org

Asian American Justice Center

The Asian American Justice Center (formerly the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium) works to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Americans through advocacy, public policy, public education and litigation. AAJC is one of the nation's leading experts on issues of importance to the Asian American community including: affirmative action, anti-Asian violence prevention/race relations, census, immigrant rights, immigration, language access, television diversity and voting rights.

Contact: Vincent A. Eng, 202-296-2300 or veng@advancingequality.org

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

Research, plan, and execute targeted legal projects in the D.C. metropolitan area. Past interns have worked closely with the Legal Director on initiatives such as a Street Law Project for at-risk APA youths, coordinating and writing testimony on language access issues, and designing volunteer training materials. Conduct client intake on the hotline by using language skills to help clients in matters involving domestic violence, employment, immigration law, and other legal issues.

Contact: Marita Etcubanez, 202-367-0793 or marita@apalrc.org

Attorney General – MD

Contact: Desi Panageotou, 410-576-6352 or dpanageotou@oag.state.md.us

Ayuda, Inc.

Both immigration and domestic violence legal interns handle their own caseload and meet directly with clients. Domestic violence interns may conduct initial interviews with battered women, draft legal documents, prepare clients for trial and help with outreach activities. Immigration interns are responsible for a variety of cases as well, including political asylum, naturalization, suspension of deportation/cancellation of removal, family petition, adjustment of status, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NACARA).

Contact: Christina Wilkes, Legal Director, 202-387-4848 or christina@ayuda.com

Black Leadership Forum

The Mission of BLF is to promote creative and coordinated Black Leadership, diverse in membership but clear on its priority, to empower African Americans to improve their own lives and to expand their opportunities to fully participate in American social, economic and political life.

Contact: Ramonica Moore, 202-689-1965 or rmoore@blackleadershipforum.org

Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence is the leading national organization committed to stopping gun violence in our communities. The Brady Center's Legal Action Project provides free legal representation to gun violence victims in lawsuits against reckless gun manufacturers, dealers, and owners. We have pioneered the use of suits by gun violence victims to challenge industry practices that lead to gun crime. The Legal Action Project also files *amicus curiae* briefs nationwide in support of gun violence prevention laws, including a U.S. Supreme Court brief in the Second Amendment case, *District of Columbia v. Heller*. Through our Gun Industry Watch program, we research and publish investigative reports exposing corrupt and dangerous gun industry practices.

Contact: Daniel Vice, 202-289-7319 or dvice@bradymail.org

Bread for the City

Bread for the City practices mainly in the areas of landlord-tenant, family, public benefits, and disability benefits law. The Legal Clinic also works with local organizations on systemic reform in areas including housing, immigrant access to public benefits, and child support.

Contact: Vytas Vergeer, Legal Clinic Director, (202) 561-8587, or vvergeer@breadforthecity.org

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition (CAIR Coalition)

The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition (CAIR Coalition) provides services to the immigrant advocacy community in the greater Washington, DC area. Asylum project work includes: conducting intakes (by phone and in-person) for asylum applicants; researching country conditions; writing summaries and other documents as requested; attending some immigration-related meetings; and some general office work. Detention project work includes jail visits, casework for detained immigrants, and legal research.

Contact: Brittany Nystrom, Asylum Project Director, 202-331-3320 x 20 or brittany@caircoalition.org

CASA of Maryland

CASA of Maryland is a community organization that was founded in 1985 by Central American refugees and North Americans. CASA was created in response to the human needs of the thousands of Central Americans arriving in the D.C. area after fleeing wars and civil strife in their countries of origin. Today, CASA serves immigrants from virtually every country in Latin America, as well as Africans, Asians and U.S. citizens, as needed. CASA of Maryland has offices in Langley Park and Baltimore. They work with and represent refugees, low-wage workers and day laborers on issues ranging from employment discrimination, immigration and human trafficking. WCL students are needed for a variety of projects such as: meeting with day laborers, conducting client intakes, research and litigation. Current research topics include: liability of general contractors for violations of subcontractors under the Fair Labor Standards Act, liability of corporate officers, equitable tolling of damage awards for domestic workers, mechanics liens, and local hire clauses in development contracts.

Contact: Steve Smitson, 301-270-3609 or volunteer@casamd.org

Catholic Charities Immigration Services

Catholic Charities Immigration Services provides professional immigration legal services to low-income, foreign-born individuals and families. Their services include residence applications, family visa petitions, deportation and removal defense, political asylum, naturalization (citizenship), self petitions for battered spouses, family unity, and special programs for certain Central Americans and Eastern Europeans.

Contact: Jeanne Atkinson, Esq., Director, 202-772-4348 or atkinsonj@catholiccharitiesdc.org

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1988 that serves indigent immigrants throughout the country through local diocesan immigration programs. As a supporting organization to the Catholic Church in the United States, CLINIC provides legal assistance to Catholic Charities' immigration programs and to religious communities.

Contact : Allison Posner, 202-635-2556 or aposner@cliniclegal.org

Center for Auto Safety

The Center handles administrative law cases related to auto and highway safety on behalf of the general public. Various issues include motor vehicle safety, quality, efficiency, and pollution control.

Contact : Clarence Ditlow, III, 202-328-7700

Center for Dispute Settlement

The Center handles all types of nonprofit cases involving mediation.

Contact : Linda Singer, 202-265-9572

Center for Justice and International Law

The Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) is a non-governmental organization (NGO), founded in 1991 by a group of prominent human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean. CEJIL's principle objective is to achieve the full implementation of international human rights norms in the member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) through the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights and other international protection mechanisms. CEJIL's mandate is fulfilled through work in three program areas: the Legal Defense Program, the Training and Dissemination Program, and the Campaign to Strengthen the Inter-American System.

Contact: Daniela Montana, Office Manager, 202-319-3000 or dmontano@cejil.org

Center for Law and Education

The Center engages in legal advocacy for the educational rights of low-income students and parents. The Center provides assistance to outside attorneys across the country representing low-income students and parents regarding educational rights.

Contact: Paul Weckstein, 202-986-3000 or pweckstein@cleweb.org

Center for Law and Social Policy

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) is a national non-profit that works to improve the lives of low-income people. CLASP's mission is to improve the economic security, educational and workforce prospects, and family stability of low-income parents, children, and youth and to secure equal justice for all.

Contact: Alan Houseman, 202-906-8001 or ahouse@clasp.org

Center for National Security Studies

The Center brings Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation and challenges against illegal government surveillance and other violations of individual rights by intelligence agencies and others.

Contact : Kate Martin, 202-721-5650 or cnss@cnss.org

Center for Science in the Public Interest

The Center for Science in the Public Interest deals with legislative issues and government policies related to nutrition, food safety, labeling and advertising.

Contact : Bruce Silverglade, 202-332-9110 or bsilverglade@cspinet.org

Center for Study of Responsive Law

The Center for Study of Responsive Law works in the areas of consumer advocacy, environmental protection, and corporate responsibility.

Contact : John Richard, 202-387-8034 or jrichard@essential.org

Center on Conscience & War (CCW)

The Center on Conscience & War (CCW) works to defend and extend the rights of conscientious objectors.

The Center is committed to supporting all those who question participation in war, whether they are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, documented or undocumented immigrants—or citizens in other countries.

CCW participates in the G.I. Rights Hotline, a national referral and counseling service for military personnel.

Contact: J.E. McNeil, 202-483-2220 or j_e@centeronconscience.org

Central American Resource Center (CareCen)

CARECEN is a community based organization which offers legal, educational, housing, citizenship and civic participation programs to the Central American/Latino community. It was established in 1981 to secure the rights of those Salvadorans and other Central Americans who fled from the wars, turmoil and human rights violations in their countries and subsequently sought refuge in the United States. Originally CARECEN focused its efforts on providing legal services to Central Americans who were facing deportation, as well as organizing to obtain amnesty for Central Americans refugees. Today, CARECEN not only offers various legal services for members of the Central American community, but it also offers community support services and empowerment activities to the greater Latino community. All these programs serve to promote

the comprehensive development of the Washington's Central American/Latino community by responding to its changing needs as it develops roots in this country.

Contact: Kathy Doan, Legal Director, 202-328-9799 or kdoan@carecencd.org

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is actively involved in influencing public policy and legislation on environmental issues. The foundation also litigates on issues involving clean air, water, and land use.

Contact: Melissa Peters, 410-268-8816 or mpeters@cbf.org

Child and Family Services Agency, Office of the General Counsel

The District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency provides important services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families. The agency coordinates public and private partnerships to preserve families through foster care, adoption, and child welfare services, and to protect children against abuse or neglect.

Contact: Carlotta Y. Harrell, Executive Assistant to the General Counsel, 202-727-2646

Children's Defense Fund

The mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and a successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. CDF provides a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown.

Contact: Megan Malinconico, 202-662-3797 or cdinfo@childrensdefense.org

Children's Law Center

The Children's Law Center (CLC) helps at-risk children in the District of Columbia find safe, permanent homes and the education, health care and social services they need to flourish by providing a comprehensive range of legal services to children, families, and foster and kinship caregivers. CLC is committed to sharing its expertise with the community, other professionals and policymakers through training, technical assistance, and systemic advocacy. Interns will assist attorneys by doing legal research, intake, and court runs.

Contact: Jennifer Di Toro, Legal Director, 202-467-4900, ext. 533 or jditoro@ChildrensLawCenter.org

Clean Water Action

Clean Water Action is an organization of 1.2 million members working to empower people to take action to protect America's waters, build healthy communities and to make democracy work for all of us. For 36 years Clean Water Action has succeeded in winning some of the nation's most important environmental protections through grassroots organizing, expert policy research and political advocacy focused on holding elected officials accountable to the public.

Contact: Kathleen Aterno, 202-895-0420 or dcjobs@cleanwater.org

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence

The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV) emerged from the civil rights movement in the early 1970s and pushes a progressive agenda to reduce firearm death and injury. We were founded on the principle of collaboration, meaning that we work closely with other organizations to achieve our common goals.

Contact: Keith Apple, 202-408-0061 or interncoordinator@csgv.org

Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS)—Catholic University Law School

CCLS provides legal services free of charge to low-income residents of the District of Columbia. Cases are handled by law students under the supervision of the office's attorneys. The office's cases include a broad range of civil matters such as domestic relations, domestic violence, public benefits, special education, small claims, and elderly law matters.

Contact: Ellen M. Scully, 202-319-6788 or scully@law.edu

Common Cause

Common Cause, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization, works toward accountability in government with a special emphasis on campaign finance reform.

Contact: Don Simmons, 202-833-1200

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.

The Community Legal Services of Prince George's County's mission is to educate, represent and empower low-income members of the Prince George's community regarding civil legal matters.

Contact: Neal Conway, 301-864-4907 ext. 101 or conway@clspgc.org

Consortium for Child Welfare

The Consortium is comprised of a number of licensed child-placing agencies with which the District of Columbia contracts to provide foster care and social services to children in the District's child abuse and neglect system. The organization's main purpose is to help children be adopted.

Contact: Bob Guttman, 202-723-3211

Constitution Project

The Constitution Project is a bipartisan nonprofit organization that seeks consensus on controversial, legal and constitutional issues through a unique combination of scholarship and activism.

Contact: Raymond Warren, 202-721-5620 or warren@constitutionproject.org

Consumer Federation of America

The Federation is a nonprofit lobbying organization concerned with consumer issues.

Contact: Susan Peschin, 202-387-6121

Corporation for National and Community Service

For more than a decade, the Corporation for National and Community Service—through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs—has mobilized a new generation of engaged citizens. This year, more than 1.6 million individuals of all ages and backgrounds will serve through these programs to help thousands of national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies meet local needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other critical areas. National and community service programs work closely with traditional volunteer organizations to broaden, deepen, and strengthen the ability of America's volunteers to contribute not only to their communities, but also to our nation.

Contact: David Eisner, 202-606-5000

Council for Court Excellence

The Council for Court Excellence is involved in advocacy to improve the administration of justice in federal and local courts in the District of Columbia. Current program priorities include adoption system reform, D.C. criminal case flow management, grand jury study, jury modernization, and civil and criminal court improvement.

Contact: Jeanne Bonds, 202-785-5917

Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect

The Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect is located in the DC Superior Court and interns will be working on legal research and drafting of legal memoranda on issues relating to pending child abuse and neglect matters.

Contact: Wilma Brier, 202-879-1301 or brierwa@dsc.gov

Covenant House Washington

Interns are responsible for researching; assisting with planning and facilitating workshops designed to educate youth about their legal rights and responsibilities, leadership skills, self and community advocacy and empowerment, and identifying existing resources (programs, internships, community service opportunities) for CHW youth.

Contact: Bonita Singletary, Volunteer Coordinator, 202-610-9621, SingletaryBO@chdc.org

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice

The DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice is an advocacy organization whose staff works with volunteer teams of attorneys and other experts to identify serious local issues, research and analyze them, develop and publish recommendations for systemic reform, and advocate for appropriate solutions.

Contact: Deborah Spitz, 202-289-8007 ext. 16 or dspitz@dcappleseed.org

DC Bar Pro Bono Program Advice & Referral Clinic

About 70 percent of individuals seeking free legal services require only brief advice and counsel. Through the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program Advice and Referral Clinic, members of the private bar effectively assist these individuals by assessing their legal matters and providing general information and advice.

Contact: Mark Herzog, 202-737-4700 x. 206 or mherzog@dcb.org

DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence. The clinic is in need of unlimited volunteers to escort victims to court, assist pro se clients, and conduct follow-up.

Contact: Elisabeth Olds, 202-879-7851 or oldse@dcsc.gov

DC Employment Justice Center Workers' Rights Clinic

The EJC holds Workers' Rights Clinics each week where low-income workers can walk in without an appointment and have a one-on-one consultation with a lawyer or supervised law student or paralegal. All areas of employment law are covered: wage and hour, overtime, family and medical leave act (FMLA) violations, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, racial discrimination and sexual harassment, and wrongful termination. New volunteer trainings are held on a monthly basis.

Contact: Lucas Lycksell at (202) 828-9675 x11, email: llycksell@dcejc.org

DC Housing Alliance

The DC Housing Alliance is looking for students to assist with a tenants' right project. The immediate need is for students to interview tenants who have lost their right to purchase their building when it is put up for sale due to a loophole in the law. Additional pro bono opportunities are also available on an ongoing basis.

Contact: Nina Dastur, (202) 339-9335 or ndastur@communitychange.org

DC Law Students in Court

The DC Law Students in Court program (LSIC) is one of the oldest clinical programs in the city. It is a unique consortium of 5 law schools whose students provide quality legal representation, assistance, and counseling to low-income clients in landlord/tenant and small claims cases in DC Superior Court. The program is in need of volunteers to assist with intake Mondays-Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Contact: Lorien Buehler, 202-638-4798

DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program—Legal Counsel for the Elderly

Advocacy on behalf of residents of nursing facilities and board and care homes in the District of Columbia.

Contact: Jerry Kasunic, 202-434-2140 or gkasunic@aarp.org

DC Prisoners' Legal Services Project

The DC Prisoners Legal Services Project is a non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to providing civil legal services to people incarcerated in the District of Columbia. Intern activities may include screening and responding to prisoner letters and phone calls as part of the intake process; interviewing clients; performing legal research on prisoners' rights issues including constitutional claims, medical malpractice, negligence, etc.; performing research relating to DC criminal justice policy and legislation; other special projects as needed.

Contact: Ivy Lange, Staff Attorney, 202-775-0323 or ilange@dcprisonerhelp.org

DC Public Defender Service

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) provides and promotes quality legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in the District of Columbia and thereby protects society's interest in the fair administration of justice. Interns are asked to do legal research, writing, client interviews, jail visits, investigation assistance, and attendance at court. Each law clerk volunteer is assigned to a specific attorney, who both assigns work and supervises the student.

Contact: Jennifer Thomas, Legal Recruiting Specialist, (202) 824-2337 or jenthomas@pdsdc.org

Defenders of Wildlife

Defenders of Wildlife is a North American conservation nonprofit dedicated to the protection of all native wild animals and plants in their natural communities. Our programs encourage protection of entire ecosystems and interconnected habitats while protecting predators that serve as indicator species for ecosystem health. Defenders' staff is composed of a variety of wildlife experts, including a legal team with a successful record at the forefront of wildlife law and legal advocacy.

Contact: Aviva Horrow, 202-682-9400 or ahorrow@defenders.org

DLA Piper

The lawyers in our Washington office focus on our Federal Affairs and Legislative, Real Estate, Franchise and Distribution, Environmental, Antitrust, Litigation, Communications, Intellectual Property, E-Commerce and Privacy, Government Contracts, Corporate and Securities, Venture Capital and Emerging Companies, Biosciences, Labor and Employment, International Commerce and Litigation, and White Collar practices. In Am Law 100's survey of pro bono service, Piper Rudnick consistently ranks in the top third. In 2003, the firm donated approximately 46,963 hours — worth close to \$14.6 million — to pro bono efforts. In 1969, one of our predecessors, Piper & Marbury, established a storefront office in East Baltimore to offer legal services to low-income people. Our other predecessor, Rudnick & Wolfe, served for 20 years as general counsel to Bethel New Life, Inc., a national nonprofit housing and community institution. Since 1969 we've been involved in pro bono projects for hundreds of charities including food banks, women's shelters, immigration help centers and emergency assistance organizations.

Contact: Lisa Dewey, 202-861-6218 or elizabeth.dewey@dlapiper.com.

Earthjustice

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund handles matters relating to environmental issues.

Contact: Howard Fox, 202-667-4500

Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence

The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV) was founded in 1974 to combat gun violence. CSGV is a unique coalition of more than forty religious, labor, medical, educational and civic organizations. The Coalition counts more than 100,000 individual supporters nationwide. CSGV supports a ban on the importation, manufacture, sale and transfer of handguns and assault weapons, with reasonable exceptions for police, military, security personnel, gun clubs, and antique and collectable firearms stored in inoperable condition. The Coalition also supports a number of immediate steps to reduce gun violence.

Contact: Carolyn Morrisette, 202-408-0061

Environmental Defense

Environmental Defense handles environmental public law cases, including matters related to environmental statutes, federal implementation of laws and citizens' enforcement actions.

Contact: Cheryl Pickard, 202-387-3500 or cpickard@environmentaldefense.org

Families Against Mandatory Minimums

Families Against Mandatory Minimums ("FAMM") envisions a justice system where sentencing is individualized, humane and sufficient but not greater than necessary to impose just punishment, secure public safety, and support successful rehabilitation and reentry. FAMM was founded in 1991 to roll back the onslaught of mandatory minimum sentencing laws and promote fair and proportionate sentencing policies. Through lobbying, advocacy, litigation and media outreach, FAMM educates legislators and the public about the harm caused by mandatory minimum sentences. FAMM's national membership includes prisoners and their families, attorneys, judges, criminal justice experts and concerned citizens.

Contact: Mary Price, 202-822-6700 or mprice@famm.org.

Family Violence Prevention Fund

The Family Violence Prevention Fund works to prevent violence within the home, and in the community, to help those whose lives are devastated by violence because everyone has the right to live free of violence.

Contact: Anna Carpenter, 202-682-1212 or annac@endabuse.org

Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc.

The Farmworker Justice Fund, Inc. (FJF) is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the living and working conditions of migrant and seasonal farmworkers throughout the United States. Using a multi-faceted approach, FJF engages in litigation, administrative and legislative advocacy, training and technical assistance and public education. FJF focuses primarily on wages and working conditions, immigration policy and welfare reform issues, women's issues, occupational safety and health and access to the justice system.

Contact: Lorna Baez, 202-783-2628 or fjf@nclr.org

Federal Public Defender for DC

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Columbia represents indigent defendants before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Representation includes counsel and investigative, expert and other services necessary for an adequate defense.

Contact: Danielle Jahn, 202-208-7515 or dani_jahn@gd.org

Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Virginia

Contact: Kenneth Troccoli, 703-600-0870 or kenneth_troccoli@fd.org

Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)

The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) is a national, nonprofit, public-interest, membership organization of concerned citizens who share a common belief that our nation's immigration policies must be reformed to serve the national interest. FAIR seeks to improve border security, to stop illegal immigration, and to promote immigration levels consistent with the national interest—more traditional rates of about 300,000 a year.

Contact: Mike Hetlmon, 202-328-7004 or info@fairus.org

Food Research and Action Center

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is a leading national organization working to improve public policies to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. Founded in 1970 as a public interest law firm, FRAC is a nonprofit and nonpartisan research and public policy center that serves as the hub of an anti-hunger network of thousands of individuals and agencies across the country.

Contact: Wanda Putney, 202-986-2200

Fredericksburg (VA) Public Defender Office

Contact: Allen Bareford, 540-899-4816 or abareford@idc.virginia.gov

Freedom of Information Clearinghouse

Freedom of Information Clearinghouse is a joint project of Public Citizen and Ralph Nader's Center for Study of Responsive Law. We are a nonprofit organization that provides technical and legal assistance to individuals, public interest groups, and the media seeking access to information held by government agencies. We consult by phone and mail.

Contact: Achamma Kallarakal, (202) 588-1000

Friends of the Earth

Friends of the Earth primarily does legislative advocacy on the national and international levels, but also participates in some legal cases.

Contact: Brian Dunkiel, 202-783-7400

George Washington University Community Legal Clinics

The areas of law served by the clinics include immigration, small business, civil litigation, administrative advocacy, consumer help and mediation, federal, appellate, domestic violence, vaccine injury cases, health law, and international human rights.

Contact: Carol Izumi, 202-994-7463 or carol@law.gwu.edu

Georgetown University Law Center Clinics

The mission of our clinical program is to educate students in the practical art of lawyering while providing quality legal representation to under-represented individuals and organizations. Students in the clinics represent a wide range of clients: refugees seeking political asylum; adult and juvenile criminal defendants; victims of domestic violence; housing and community development groups; individuals threatened with eviction; children seeking access to adequate special and regular education; groups or individuals seeking to remedy civil rights violations or protect the environment; and organizations seeking legislative and regulatory reform on a variety of issues in the United States and abroad.

Contact: Nancy Cantalupo, Assistant Dean, (202) 662-9100 or cantalun@law.georgetown.edu

Global Lead Network—Trust for Lead Poisoning Prevention

The purpose of the Network is to provide resources and facilitate information exchange and collaboration among those working on prevention around the world. The site is designed to assist agencies, NGOs, researchers, concerned citizens, the private sector, all stakeholders interested in developing and implementing solutions to lead poisoning and pollution, as well as to related environmental, health, and sustainability problems.

Contact: 301-567-4700 or gln@globalleanet.com

Global Rights: Partners for Justice

Global Rights works to promote just societies founded on human rights. The Law Group is involved in human rights litigation, advocacy, and training in countries around the world.

Contact: Mitzi Bowen, Office Manager and Internship Coordinator, 202-822-4600

Good Sheppard Legal Services

Good Shepard is an organization that works on issues relating to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other DC regulations concerning special education.

Contact: Leletha Bailey, Development Director, 202-299-1217 or leleb@comcast.net

Government Accountability Project

The Project focuses on whistleblowers within the area of employment law litigation, particularly when government or corporate employees are victims of retaliation for whistleblowing. Cases are selected, in part, based on the public interest component and potential to advance whistleblower rights. The Project will also provide referrals.

Contact: Dylan Blaylock, 202-408-0034 or dylanb@whistleblower.org

HALT, Inc.—An Organization of Americans for legal Reform

Founded in 1978, HALT – *An Organization of Americans for Legal Reform*, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public interest group of more than 50,000 members, is the nation's largest and oldest legal reform organization. Dedicated to the principle that all Americans should be able to handle their legal affairs simply, affordably and equitably, HALT's Reform Projects challenge the legal establishment to improve access and reduce costs in our civil justice system at both the state and federal levels.
Contact: James C. Turner, 202-887-8255

Human Rights First

Human Rights First works in the United States and abroad to create a secure and humane world by advancing justice, human dignity and respect for the rule of law. We support human rights activists who fight for basic freedoms and peaceful change at the local level; protect refugees in flight from persecution and repression; help build a strong international system of justice and accountability; and make sure human rights laws and principles are enforced in the United States and abroad.
Contact: Natalie Marachal, 202-547-5692 or marachaln@humanrightsfirst.org

Human Rights Watch

Human Rights Watch is primarily concerned with monitoring and information-gathering activities in matters relating to human rights and international law.
Contact: Rachel Good, 202-612-4321 or goodr@hrw.org

Immigrant and Refugee Rights—Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

For over 35 years the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs has represented both individuals and groups seeking to vindicate their civil rights. It has handled over 5,000 civil rights cases, in employment, housing, public accommodations, and other aspects of urban life. It represents people with claims of discrimination based on race, gender, national origin, disability, age, religion, and sexual orientation. It assists immigrants seeking asylum and other help. It works for education reform in the DC Public Schools. Leveraging its own broad expertise in discrimination litigation with the resources of Washington, D.C.'s private bar, the Committee's litigation efforts have become nationally known for landmark court victories, record judgments, and precedent-setting consent decrees. Its capacity to mobilize the private bar has made it possible for the Committee to provide its clients more than 50,000 hours of quality legal representation every year.
Contact: Ruth Spivack, 202-319-1000 or ruth_spivack@washlaw.org

Indian Law Resource Center

The Indian Law Resource Center handles state and federal litigation and human rights cases dealing with issues such as land rights, treaty rights, self-government and human rights of American Indians and other indigenous peoples.
Contact: Keli Lovejoy, 202-547-2800

International Rescue Committee

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is a world leader in relief, rehabilitation, protection, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those uprooted or affected by violent conflict and oppression. At work in 25 countries, the IRC delivers lifesaving aid in emergencies, rebuilds shattered communities, cares for war-traumatized children, rehabilitates health care, water and sanitation systems, reunites separated families, restores lost livelihoods, establishes schools, trains teachers, strengthens the capacity of local organizations and supports civil society and good-governance initiatives.
Contact: Jana Mason, 202-822-0166 ext. 18 or janam@their.org

Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

The mission of the Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is to protect and advance the rights of adults and children who have mental disabilities. The Center envisions an America where people who have mental illnesses or developmental disabilities exercise their own life choices and have access to the

resources that enable them to participate fully in their communities.
Contact: Ira Burnim, 202-467-5730 ext.129

Key Bridge Foundation

The Key Bridge Foundation (KBF) Center for Mediation is a nationally recognized provider of conflict management and training services throughout the United States and abroad. The mission of the KBF Center for Mediation is a simple one: to prevent, identify, and resolve conflict before it jeopardizes the success of an organization. To fulfill that mission, the Center for Mediation uses proven conflict resolution strategies to encourage cooperation and problem solving for individuals and organizations.
Contact: Peter Maida, 202-274-1822 or pmaida@keybridge.org

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

The Committee handles the full range of civil rights litigation with special focus on fair housing, equal employment opportunities, education, voting rights, and environmental justice.
Contact: Sarah Crawford, 202-662-8600 or scrawford@lawyerscomm.org

Lawyers for Children America

LFCA trains firm and government attorneys to provide high quality pro bono legal services to children and adolescents in the abuse and neglect system. LFCA offers ongoing support to these volunteer attorneys. Interns research child protection issues, prepare materials to educate pro bono attorneys, organize training opportunities for volunteer attorneys, and work with LFCA staff on individual abuse and neglect cases.
Contact: Keely Magyar, Program Director, 202-419-2603 or kmagyar@lawyersfca.org

League of Women Voters Education Fund

The League of Women Voters Education Fund concentrates on public education, election issues, natural resources and international issues. The league is no longer involved in litigation.
Contact: Betsy Lawson, 202-429-1965 or blawson@lwv.org

Legal Aid Society of DC

The Legal Aid Society provides free legal assistance to the poorest residents in Washington, DC. We provide help in the areas of family law (including custody, visitation, child support, and domestic violence issues), landlord-tenant (including defending against Superior Court evictions, as well as Section 8 and DCHA administrative proceedings), public benefits (TANF, food stamps, Medicaid, General Assistance for Children, or POWER) and special education cases. We also provide social work assistance to legal clients.
Contact: Jodi Feldman, Director of Pro Bono and Intake Programs, 202-661-5965 or jfeldman@legalaiddc.org

Legal Counsel for the Elderly

AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE) is the primary provider of free legal services and advocacy for low-income seniors in the District of Columbia. Since 1975, LCE has sought to improve laws and policies affecting basic needs of DC's elder residents in areas of shelter, income, health care, protective services and access to legal representation. Last year, LCE served over 6,000 DC residents age 60 and older in its programs including the DC Law Office, DC Office on Aging Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Real Property Tax Project, Senior Medicare Patrol Project, Self-Help Office Project, Legal Hotline, and the Alternatives to Landlord/Tenant Court for the Elderly Project.
Contact: Jennifer L. Berger, (202) 434-2120 or jberger@aarp.org

Legal Services of Northern Virginia

LSNV is beginning a volunteer project for second- and third-year law students interested in domestic violence law. Law students are needed to conduct initial interviews with victims of domestic violence who are preparing to appear in court to obtain permanent protective orders. Volunteers may also be asked to perform tasks incidental to the interview process, such as preparing subpoenas or locating potential witnesses identified during the interview. Volunteers may attend court hearings, if desired.
Contact: Q. Russell Hatchl, 703-778-6812 or rhatchl@lsnv.org

MANA, A National Latina Organization

MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit, advocacy organization established in 1974. It's mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. MANA fulfills its mission through programs designed to develop the leadership skills of Latinas, promote community service by Latinas, and provide Latinas with advocacy opportunities.

Contact: 202-833-0060 or manaprograms@hermana.org

Manna, Inc

The mission of Manna is to empower individuals, strengthen families, collaborate with stakeholders to rebuild neighborhoods, and foster sustainable communities in Washington, DC by creating quality affordable housing for lower income families, offering support and training to families before and after they purchase their homes, and engaging in community and economic development activities.

Contact: Rozanne Look, 202-832-1845 or rlook@mannadc.org

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

The mission of the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project is to seek the exoneration and release from incarceration of persons who have been convicted of crimes that they did not commit and who are serving sentences and/or are awaiting execution in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. We provide pro bono investigative and legal assistance through a network of law students and attorneys to those prisoners whose innocence can be proved by DNA testing or other newly discovered evidence.

Contact: Shawn Armbrust, Executive Director, 202-274-4199

Migrant Legal Action Program

For more than thirty years, the Migrant Legal Action Program (MLAP) has provided legal representation and a national voice for migrant and seasonal farmworkers, the poorest group of working people in the United States. MLAP works to enforce rights and to improve public policies affecting farmworkers' working and housing conditions, education, health, nutrition, and general welfare. The program works with an extensive network of local service providers. MLAP staff is actively involved in litigation, legislative, and administrative advocacy, directly or in conjunction with legal services programs and/or the private bar. MLAP also provides extensive support to local migrant service providers through training, technical assistance, and other services.

Contact: Roger Rosenthal, 202-775-7780 or rrosenthal@mlap.org

Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Center

The Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division (Multi-Door) helps parties settle disputes through mediation and other types of appropriate dispute resolution (ADR), including arbitration, case evaluation and conciliation. The name "Multi-Door" comes from the multi-door courthouse concept, which envisions one courthouse with multiple dispute resolution doors or programs. Cases are referred through the appropriate door for resolution. The goals of a multi-door approach are to provide citizens with easy access to justice, reduce delay and provide links to related services, making more options available through which disputes can be resolved. The Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division of the D.C. Superior Court assists parties to reach agreements that meet their interests, preserve relationships, and save time and money. Our mediators and dispute resolution specialists are trained at Multi-Door to serve in a wide range of cases, from civil to small claims, to family.

Contact: Jeannie Adams, 202-879-1549 or adamsj@dcsc.gov

NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Education Fund, Inc.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) was founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall. Although LDF's primary purpose was to provide legal assistance to poor African Americans, its work over the years has brought greater justice to all Americans.

Contact: Leslie M. Proll, 202-682-1300

NARAL Pro-Choice America

For more than thirty years, NARAL Pro-Choice America has been the leading national advocate for personal privacy and a woman's right to choose. NARAL Pro-Choice America's mission is to develop and sustain a constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children, and choosing legal abortion. NARAL Pro-Choice America works to educate Americans and officeholders about the broad range of issues encompassing a woman's right to choose and elect pro-choice candidates at all levels of government.

Contact: Caroline Fredrickson, 202-973-3000 or cfredrickson@prochoiceamerica.org

National Association of the Criminal Defense Counsel

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) is the preeminent organization in the United States advancing the mission of the nation's criminal defense lawyers to ensure justice and due process for persons accused of crime or other misconduct. A professional bar association founded in 1958, NACDL's more than 12,500 direct members -- and 90 state, local, and international affiliate organizations with another 35,000 members -- include private criminal defense lawyers, public defenders, active U.S. military defense counsel, law professors and judges committed to preserving fairness within America's criminal justice system.

Contact: Malia Brink, 202-872-8600 ext. 224

National Audubon Society

The National Audubon Society handles conservation, wildlife protection, environmental law and public land issues.

Contact: John Echeverria, 202-861-2242

National Center for Victims of Crime

Since 1985, the National Center for Victims of Crime has worked with more than 10,000 grassroots organizations and criminal justice agencies to help victims of crime rebuild their lives. We are dedicated to serving individuals, families, and communities harmed by crime. Through collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, we provide direct services and resources; advocate for passage of laws and public policies that create resources and secure rights and protections for crime victims; deliver training and technical assistance to victim service organizations, counselors, attorneys, criminal justice agencies, and allied professionals; and foster cutting-edge thinking about the impact of crime and the ways in which each of us can help victims regain control of their lives.

Contact: Deanna Shoob, 202-467-8730 or dshoob@ncvc.org

National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform (NCCNHR)

NCCNHR's mission is to improve the quality of life for people with long-term care needs, and it does this through a dynamic and concerned membership of residents, family members, ombudsman programs, consumer advocates, nursing home staff unions, and others.

Contact: Alice Hedt, 202-332-2276 or adhedt@nccnhr.org

National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Since its inception in 1976, NCADP has been the only fully staffed national organization exclusively devoted to abolishing capital punishment. NCADP provides information, advocates for public policy, and mobilizes and supports individuals and institutions that share our unconditional rejection of capital punishment.

Contact: Diann Rust-Tierney, 202-331-4090, drust-tierney@ncadp.org

National Coalition for the Homeless

Our mission is to end homelessness. We focus our work in the following four areas: housing justice, economic justice, health care justice, and civil and voting rights. Our approaches are grassroots organizing, public education, policy advocacy, technical assistance, and partnerships.

Contact: Michael Stoops, 202-462-4822 ext. 19 or mstoops@nationalhomeless.org

National Consumer Law Center

The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) is the nation's consumer law expert, helping consumers, their advocates, and public policy makers use powerful and complex consumer laws on behalf of low-income and vulnerable Americans seeking economic justice.

Contact: Margot Saunders, 202-452-6252 or consumerlaw@nclc.org

National Consumers League

The National Consumers League is concerned with consumer and worker protections in the areas of food and drug safety, child labor, health care, consumer fraud, financial services, and e-commerce.

Contact: Sara Cooper, 202-835-3323

National Family Farm Coalition

The NFFC (founded in 1986) represents family farm and rural groups whose members face the challenge of the deepening economic recession in rural communities.

Contact: Kathy Ozer, 202-543-5675

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Founded in 1973, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation (the Task Force) was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights and advocacy organization and remains the movement's leading voice for freedom, justice, and equality. We work to build the grassroots political strength of our community by training state and local activists and leaders, working to strengthen the infrastructure of state and local allies, and organizing broad-based campaigns to build public support for complete equality for LGBT people. Our Policy Institute, the community's premiere think tank, provides research and policy analysis to support the struggle for complete equality. As part of a broader social justice movement, we work to create a world that respects and makes visible the diversity of human expression and identity where all people may fully participate in society.

Contact: Lisa Mottet, 202-393-5177 or lmottet@thetaskforce.org

National Health Law Program

The National Health Law Program is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities. NHLP serves legal services programs, community-based organizations, the private bar, providers and individuals who work to preserve a health care safety net for the millions of uninsured or underinsured low-income people.

Contact: Laurence Lavin, 202-289-7661

National Housing Law Project

The Washington office of the National Housing Law Project is primarily a housing legislation information-gathering branch for the main office in Oakland, California.

Contact: Gideon Anders, 202-347-8775 or ganders@nhlp.org

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty

The mission of the Law Center is to prevent and end homelessness by serving as the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness. To achieve its mission, the Law Center pursues three main strategies: impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education.

Contact: Tulin Ozdeger, 202-638-2535 ext. 212 or tozdeger@nlchp.org

National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA)

Attorneys interested in doing public service work with civil legal aid or public defender programs can contact NLADA to obtain information on NLADA membership and programs of interest.

Contact: Jane Ribadeneyra, 202-452-0620 ext. 226

National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws/Center for the Study of Drug Policy

NORML's mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty.

Contact: Allen St. Pierre, 202-483-5500 or allen@norml.org

National Partnership for Women and Families

The National Partnership for Women & Families is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that uses public education and advocacy to promote fairness in the workplace, quality health care, and policies that help women and men meet the dual demands of work and family.

Contact: Helen McBride, 202-986-2600

National Security Archive

The National Security Archive is a research institute on national security matters and a public interest law firm seeking to enhance public access to information regarding national security. The National Security Archive has been involved in a wide range of precedent setting freedom of information law suits and is frequently looked to as an important non-governmental resource on matters relating to access, secrecy, classification, and First Amendment issues.

Contact: Meredith Fuchs, 202-994-7000 or mfuchs@gwu.edu

National Senior Citizens Law Center

The National Senior Citizens Law Center advocates nationwide to promote the independence and well-being of low-income elderly individuals and persons with disabilities. NSCLC advocates through litigation, legislative and agency representation and assistance to attorneys and paralegals in field programs. NSCLC's functions vary with the needs of our clients. NSCLC maintains a national reputation for professional quality and successful advocacy.

Contact: Edward C. King, 202-289-6976

National Trust for Historic Preservation

The National Trust for Historic Preservation advocates and litigates in the areas of historic preservation law, land use law, constitutional issues (takings, First Amendment), non-profit issues, and tax law.

Contact: Kimberley Herter, 202-588-6035 or law@nthp.org

National Veterans Legal Services Program

Veterans law focusing on veterans and their families adversely affected by veterans' military service, e.g. Agent Orange issues, bad discharges, inadequate VA claims processing. Some Article III court litigation, but emphasis is on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and Federal Circuit cases.

Contact: Barton F. Stichman, 202-265-8305 ext. 111

National Whistleblower Center

The Center handles cases related to employee whistleblowing, First Amendment issues, civil rights issues, environment and atomic energy matters, and government incorporated accountability.

Contact: Estelle Kohn, Deputy Director, 202-342-1903

National Women's Health Network

The Network acts as an educational and advocacy organization for women's health concerns.

Contact: Stephanie Donne, 202-347-1140

National Women's Law Center

Since 1972, the Center has expanded the possibilities for women and girls in the U.S. The Center uses the law in all its forms: getting new laws on the books and enforced; litigating ground-breaking cases in state and federal courts all the way to the Supreme Court; and educating the public about ways to make the law and public policies work for women and their families. An experienced staff of nearly 50 takes on the issues that cut to the core of women's and girls' lives in education, employment, family economic security, and health -- with special attention given to the needs of low-income women and their families.

Contact: Amy Matsui, 202-588-5180 or humanresources@nwlc.org.

Native American Rights Fund

The Native American Rights Fund deals solely in Indian Rights Law, focusing on Indian land claim and sovereignty issues. There are criteria for representation which can be found in organizational literature.

Contact: Richard Guest, 202-785-4166 or rguest@narf.org

Natural Resources Defense Council

NRDC is the nation's most effective environmental action organization. We use law, science and the support of more than one million members and online activists to protect the planet's wildlife and wild places and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

Contact: Rae Roach, 202-289-6868

Nature Conservancy

The mission of the Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

Contact: Jonathan Rotter, 703-841-4593 or jrotter@tnc.org.

Neighborhood Legal Services Program

The Neighborhood Legal Services Program, a nonprofit organization, handles cases involving landlord/tenant issues, consumer affairs, public benefits, family law, employment discrimination and health issues for financially disadvantaged DC residents.

Contact: Patricia Millerioux, 202-682-2700 x115 or pmillerioux@nlsp.org.

Oceana

Oceana campaigns to protect and restore the world's oceans. Our teams of marine scientists, economists, lawyers and advocates win specific and concrete policy changes to reduce pollution and to prevent the irreversible collapse of fish populations, marine mammals and other sea life.

Contact: Emily Ulmer 202-467-1919 or eulmer@oceana.org

Office of the People's Counsel of the District of Columbia

OPC, a District governmental agency, is the statutory consumer advocate for DC utility (gas, electricity and phone only) ratepayers and consumers. OPC takes individual complaints about billing and service.

Contact: Derryl Stewart King, 202-727-3071

Pension Rights Center

The Pension Rights Center is the country's only consumer organization dedicated solely to protecting and promoting the pension rights of American workers, retirees and their families. The Center identifies inequities in America's pension systems, proposes realistic reform measures, and helps employees and retirees understand and enforce their legal rights.

Contact: Karen Ferguson, 202-296-3776

People for the American Way Foundation

People for the American Way Foundation handles cases involving First Amendment rights, civil rights, and censorship issues, and will accept selected cases involving the infringement of those rights. The organization also monitors judicial selection.

Contact: Elliot Minberg, 202-467-4999

Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington's mission is to provide high quality, affordable reproductive health care; promote education programs that empower all individuals to make informed and responsible reproductive choices; and to protect the right to make those choices.

Contact: Tracy Leaman, 202-347-8500 or volunteer@ppmw.org

Polaris Project

Polaris Project is a leading international organization combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Based in the United States and Japan, we bring together community members, survivors, and professionals to fight trafficking and slavery in the spirit of a modern-day Underground Railroad. Polaris Project uses a comprehensive strategy: empowering individual survivors of trafficking while also creating long-term social change.

Contact: Johanna Olivas at 202-745-1001 ext. 152 or jolivas@polarisproject.org

Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy and Environment Program

Public Citizen's Critical Mass Energy and Environment Program works to protect citizens and the environment from the dangers posed by nuclear power and seeks policies that will lead to safe, affordable and environmentally sustainable energy. We also advocate creation of an agricultural and food distribution system that guarantees safe, wholesome food produced in a humane and sustainable manner, and work to protect the world's fragile water resources from commodification, privatization, and mass diversion.

Contact: Lori Wallach, 202-546-4996 or abradbery@citizen.org

Public Citizen Litigation Group

Public Citizen's Litigation Group is a public interest law firm that specializes in federal health and safety regulation, consumer litigation, open government, union democracy, separation of powers and the First Amendment. We litigate cases at all levels of the federal and state judiciaries and have a substantial practice before federal regulatory agencies. Our efforts are also pursued through programs such as the Alan Morrison Supreme Court Assistance Project and the Freedom of Information Clearinghouse.

Contact: Achamma Kallarakal, 202-588-1000

Public Defender's Office – Loudon County, VA

Contact: Bonnie Hoffman, 703-771-2507 ext. 105 or bhoffman@idc.virginia.gov

Public Defender – Prince George's County, MD

Since 1972, The Office of the Public Defender has been providing counsel to those unable to afford an attorney. Trial Divisions are maintained in all Circuit, District and Juvenile Courts throughout the State.

Contact: Nicholas Rattal, Esq., 301-952-2102

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

PEER is a national, environmental watchdog organization involved in environmental advocacy and litigation and assists and advocates on behalf of environmental public employees who are whistle blowers. The organization is currently involved in advocacy and litigation regarding coral reef preservation.

Contact: Paula Dinerstein, Senior Counsel, 202-265-7337 or pdinerstein@peer.org

Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors, Inc (PIIPA)

PIIPA is an international non-profit organization that makes intellectual property counsel available for developing countries and public interest organizations who seek to promote health, agriculture, biodiversity, science, culture and the environment.

Contact: Tina Kuklenski-Miller, (703) 812-4820

Public Knowledge

Public Knowledge is a new public-interest advocacy organization dedicated to fortifying and defending a vibrant information commons. This Washington, D.C. based group works with wide spectrum of

stakeholders—libraries, educators, scientists, artists, musicians, journalists, consumers, software programmers, civic groups and enlightened businesses—to promote the core conviction that some fundamental democratic principles and cultural values—openness, access, and the capacity to create and compete—must be given new embodiment in the digital age.

Contact: Ann Oliverio, Managing Director, 202-518-0020 or aoliverio@publicknowledge.org

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press is a nonprofit organization, designed to help any working journalist faced with issues involving the First Amendment.

Contact: Lucy Dalglish. 703-807-2100

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) is a national, non-profit legal services, watchdog, and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and related forms of intolerance.

Contact: Kathi S. Westcott, Deputy Director of Law, 202-328-3244 or sldn@sldn.org

Tahirih Justice Center

The Center represents immigrant and refugee women and girls in gender-based political asylum and other immigration cases. Clients face abuses such as rape, domestic violence, honor crimes, female genital mutilation, trafficking, involuntary servitude, and forced marriage. Legal interns participate in the following, under the direct supervision of an attorney: In-depth phone and in-person client interviews, affidavit drafting, evidence gathering, soliciting expert statements, legal and country conditions research, correspondence, legal briefs, trial preparation, and observation of court proceedings.

Contact: Rená E. Cutlip-Mason, 703-575-0070 ext. 15 or justice@tahirih.org

Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund

TAF's mission is both activist and educational. Established in 1986, TAF serves to: inform and educate the general public, the legal community, government officials, the media, and other interested groups about the False Claims Act and its *qui tam* provisions; contribute to understanding of the Act's nature, workings, and critical importance to the public interest; vigorously defend against any attempts to repeal or weaken the Act; facilitate meritorious *qui tam* suits; advance public and government support for *qui tam*; and document the Act's public policy value, intellectual and legal foundation, and *qui tam* provisions.

Contact: Jeb White, 202-296-4826 or jwhite@taf.org

Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School (TMA)

Thurgood Marshall Academy is a law-related-education school that teaches at risk, low-income high school students from Southeast DC, for whom many have lost hope and considered "too late to save": TMA's mission is to prepare students to succeed in college and engage in our democratic society. They depend on dedicated volunteers to make their tutoring, mentoring, Law Day and enrichment programs possible.

Contact: Kymber Lovett, (202) 563-6862 x102 or volunteer@tmapchs.org

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice is a national public interest law firm that marshals the skills and resources of trial lawyers to create a more just society. Through creative litigation, public education, and innovative work with the broader public interest community, we: protect people and the environment; hold accountable those who abuse power; challenge governmental, corporate and individual wrongdoing; increase access to the courts; combat threats to our justice system; and inspire lawyers and others to serve the public interest.

Contact: Adele P. Kimmel, 202-797-8600 or tlpj@tlpj.org

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Regional Office for the United States of America and the Caribbean (UNHCR)

UNHCR serves as a resource to policymakers in drafting and implementing refugee protection measures consistent with international standards, including through providing comments on proposed legislation and regulations; monitor compliance with international standards of refugee protection; educate government officials, attorneys and non-governmental organizations on international standards for refugee protection. Contact: Elizabeth Dallam, 202-296-5191

United States Attorney's Office –MD

Contact: Gina Simms, 301-344-4433 or gina.simms@usdoj.gov

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom is an independent, bipartisan U.S. government agency that was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to monitor the status of freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief abroad, as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and related international instruments, and to give independent policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State and Congress.

Contact: 202-523-3240 or www.uscirf.gov

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division – Special Litigation Section

The Special Litigation Section is an office within the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice, charged with enforcing federal civil rights statutes in four major areas: conditions of institutional confinement; conduct of law enforcement agencies; access to reproductive health facilities and places of religious worship; and religious exercise of institutionalized persons.

Contact: 202-514-6255 or www.usdoj.gov/split

United States Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG)

U.S. Public Interest Research Group focuses on research and advocacy in a wide range of areas including consumer rights, product safety, credit issues, banking reform, environmental issues, energy policy and good government issues.

Contact: Rick Trilsch, 202-546-9707 or uspirg@pirg.org

University of the District of Columbia School of Law Clinical Programs

UDC School of Law Clinical Programs offers education and representation in landlord/tenant, HIV, consumer/public entitlements, juvenile and special education law, governmental accountability, small business, and community development.

Contact: Louise Howells, 202-274-7400

University Legal Services

University Legal Services provides advocacy services for people with disabilities including litigation related to removing architectural barriers, special education litigation, advocacy for people living in facilities (such as St. Elizabeth's, and group homes throughout the community), and services related to obtaining assistive technology to enable people with disabilities to perform tasks independently.

Contact: Jane Brown, 202-547-0198 or jbrown@uls-dc.org

Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (Outreach and Education Component)

Screens and assigns to volunteer lawyers cases of low-income, pro se appellants to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Contact: Meg Bartley, Director of Outreach & Education, 202-265-8305 or meg_bartley@nvlsp.org

Virginia Justice Center: The Virginia Justice Center (VJC) was created in 1998. With offices in Charlottesville and Falls Church, Virginia, the VJC has helped migrant farmworkers, day laborers, and other low-wage immigrant workers win judgments and settlements representing over \$1,000,000 in unpaid wages. The VJC supports workers in their efforts to find justice and fair treatment in the workplace. VJC's statewide team of lawyers and advocates: represents clients in court and in administrative matters; visits labor camps and areas where workers gather to provide advice and informational support; writes and distributes educational materials; advocates for sound public policies on behalf of our clients; and counsels workers on United States law and the rights of seasonal workers and immigrant laborers.

Contact: Tim Freilich, Managing Attorney, (703) 778-3450, tim@justice4all.org

Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

The Committee handles a full range of civil rights litigation, focusing on equal employment opportunity, fair housing, police misconduct, public accommodations, immigrant and refugee rights, and disability rights.

Contact: Sarah Crawford, 202-783-0857 or scrawford@lawyerscomm.org

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Inc.

The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless was founded in 1986 to overcome the barriers that prevented people struggling with homelessness from accessing the community's traditional legal service programs. For seventeen years, we have responded to the legal needs of the homeless community and have worked toward achieving a vision of the District of Columbia as a just and inclusive community. Our mission is to use law and advocacy to end the unnecessary suffering caused by poverty and homelessness and advocate for justice for people in the District of Columbia who are homeless or at risk of becoming so. Our goals are to ensure access to quality legal assistance for those who are homeless and in need of representation, and to secure quality programs and opportunities for our client community. We also strive to assure that our clients have the opportunity to be visible and vocal participants in the policy, fiscal and decision-making processes that so directly impact their lives.

Contact: Antonia Fasanelli, 202-328-5500 or antonia@legalclinic.org

Whitman Walker Clinical Legal Services

Founded in 1986, the Legal Services Program of the Whitman-Walker Clinic is the only Washington, DC area program offering comprehensive *pro bono* legal services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Law student interns help clinic staff provide legal assistance to HIV-positive clients with legal problems related to their health status. Interns participate in direct client work, such as discrimination, insurance, immigration, and public benefits cases.

Contact: Todd Pilcher, Staff Attorney, 202- 939-7622 or tpilcher@wwc.org

Wilderness Society

The Wilderness Society is an advocacy organization working to protect America's wild public lands, including our national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

Contact: Ben Beach, 202-833-2300 or ben_beach@twc.org

Wildlife Advocacy Project

Public interest law firm involved with environmental litigation and advocacy on behalf of wildlife under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. The firm is in need of volunteers to assist with litigation, review of policy documents, legislative briefings and congressional staff education.

Contact: 202-518-3700 or wildinfo@wildlifeadvocacy.org

Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE)

WEAVE's mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence so that they can free themselves safely from the cycle of abuse and obtain independence and self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. WEAVE provides emergency and long-term legal services, counseling, case management, economic empowerment, and teen dating violence education and services in Washington, D.C.

Contact: Karen Cunningham, 202-452-9550 or karen@weaveincorp.org

Women's Collective

The mission of The Women's Collective is to meet the self-defined needs of women and their families living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS and reduce barriers to care and strengthening their network of support and services. As a DC-based nonprofit organization led by women with HIV and their allies/advocates, The Women's Collective fulfills its mission by providing: services that are peer-based, woman-focused, family-centered and culturally sensitive; a safe, non-judgmental environment for all women regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, income, educational level, marital status, personal appearance, place of residence or business, family responsibilities, school enrollment, political affiliation, or source of income; and a voice for women who are at risk for or living with HIV and their families through advocacy at the local, national and international levels. The Women's Collective also creates partnerships among service providers, governmental, non-governmental and private entities.
Contact: Margot Isaac, 202-483-7003 or margot@womenscollective.org

Women's Research and Education Institute

Since 1977, members of Congress have looked to the Women's Research & Education Institute for nonpartisan information and policy analysis on women's equity issues. Over the years, WREI's reputation as a source of reliable data and clear thinking about the status of American women has traveled far beyond the nation's Capitol. WREI's mission is to identify issues affecting women and their roles in the family, workplace, and public arena, and to inform and help shape the public policy debate on these issues.
Contact: Susan Scanlan, 202-628-0444

World Wildlife Fund

Known worldwide by its panda logo, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) leads international efforts to protect endangered species and their habitats. Now in its fifth decade, WWF works in more than 100 countries to conserve the diversity of life on earth. With nearly 1.2 million members in the U.S. and 4 million worldwide, WWF is the world's largest privately financed conservation organization.
WWF directs its conservation efforts toward three global goals: saving endangered species, protecting endangered habitats and addressing global threats such as toxic pollution, over-fishing and climate change. From working to save the giant panda and bringing back the Asian rhino to establishing and helping to manage parks and reserves worldwide, WWF has been a conservation leader for more than 40 years.
Contact: Margaret L. Ackerly, 202-293-4800

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American Civil Liberties Union – Washington Legislative Office
American Jewish Congress – National Capital Region
American University Washington College of Law Clinical Program
Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)
Archdiocesan Legal Network (ALN)
Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
DC Prisoners Legal Services Project
Global Rights: Partners for Justice
Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana/Center for the Study of Drug Policy
National Partnership for Women and Families
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Women's Health Network
Pension Rights Center
Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington
Tahirih Justice Center
Washington Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
Women Empowered Against Violence, Inc. (WEAVE)
Women's Collective
Women's Research and Education Institute