



Law Student Opportunities: Fall 2026 Externships

For over 95 years, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) has been the frontline law firm for low-income people in Los Angeles. LAFLA is committed to promoting access to justice, strengthening communities, fighting poverty, and affecting systemic change through representation, advocacy, and community education. To learn more, please visit our website at <https://lafla.org/>.

Law students seeking for externships placement for school credit may apply online at <https://lafla.org/get-involved/probono-volunteer/volunteer-application/>

Details for Fall 2026 Externships:

- Placements are team-specific and all positions are hybrid (50% in office)
- Preference for law students seeking 3-4 academic units
- Start time: late August with a mandatory orientation
- Educational reimbursement stipend of up to \$3,500 available for 4 teams: **Asian Pacific Islander Community Outreach Project, Disaster Response, Eviction Defense Center/Stay Housed LA, and Santa Monica Office**
- When applying online, please provide a cover letter that specifies you seek a position for the “Fall 2026 Externship” and list up to 2 of the following teams, a resume, and if available law school externship documents

For Fall 2026, law students may apply for positions with the following teams:

Asian Pacific Islander Community Outreach Project (API Project) provides legal help in all of LAFLA’s areas of practice, including family law, immigration, housing, and government benefits, specifically to individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP). The API Project specializes in serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, torture, and related crimes, and advocates for language rights in civil courts, administrative proceedings, and other government agencies. Externs will primarily support API Project’s Naturalization work. Externs will assist with client screening and intake, scheduling workshops and clinics, and coordinating community outreach. Additional responsibilities include gathering client documents and preparing files for attorney review, drafting legal documents (pleadings, motions, and forms), and interpreting and translating for clients with LEP at workshops, clinics, attorney-client meetings, and USCIS interviews. Bilingual capacity in Spanish, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Khmer, Hindi, Tagalog/Filipino, or Japanese is required. *Educational reimbursement available. Up to 3 positions available.*

The **Disaster Response Workgroup** is a new legal project created to respond to community legal needs following the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfire disaster and to position LAFLA to rapidly respond to future disaster issues. To help those impacted by disasters, externs will attend legal clinics, trainings, and

workshops held for our community and also have the opportunity to work on a variety of issues, such as FEMA appeals, housing, government benefits, immigration law and other legal issues. Bilingual capacity in an API language or Spanish preferred. *Educational reimbursement available. Up to 2 positions available.*

Eviction Defense Center/Stay Housed LA (EDC/SHLA) advocates for Los Angeles renters by defending them in eviction proceedings, advocating for repairs in slum housing, protecting renters' rights under local rent control laws, and preserving subsidized housing. Externs will write research memoranda; draft pleadings, discovery, and motions; prepare cases for trial; interview clients; help develop materials on Know Your Rights Webinars; and make appearances in Superior Court with their supervising attorney. Certified law students may also argue motions under the close supervision of one of our attorneys. *Educational reimbursement available. Up to 4 positions available.*

Santa Monica Office provides a unique opportunity to experience a holistic approach to practicing law. The office provides low-income Santa Monica residents with a wide range of legal services including housing, family law, government benefits assistance, and affirmative litigation. Clerks will work primarily with the housing litigation team and have the opportunity to conduct client interviews; help run counsel and advice clinics; draft pleadings, discovery, motions and declarations; prepare cases for trial. Clerks will also staff the domestic violence clinic located at the Santa Monica Courthouse. *Educational reimbursement available. Up to 2 positions available.*