

2021 Summer Associate Program

ABLE and LAWO

Positions available in Ohio

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. (LAWO) are pleased to offer Summer Associate positions for 2021. ABLE and LAWO are affiliated non-profit law firms serving northwest and west central Ohio that offer high-quality legal services in civil matters to low-income individuals and groups in order to achieve self-reliance, equal justice, and economic opportunity. ABLE is an unrestricted legal services firm.

ABLE and LAWO attorneys provide legal assistance in a wide range of civil areas. ABLE and LAWO represent victims of domestic violence, tenants facing eviction, homeowners in foreclosure, individuals seeking public benefits and appropriate healthcare, and students who lack appropriate educational opportunities. ABLE and LAWO attorneys handle individual cases and large-scale litigation in state and federal courts, and advocate on policy issues.

These positions provide valuable practical experience to students seeking careers in public interest law. In addition to traditional research and writing assignments, each Associate will receive training on the basics of poverty law and gain additional knowledge of legal practice through court observation and meetings with local attorneys and judges. Experienced attorneys will mentor Associates on how to excel in a public interest law career.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled. Applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to: jobs@ablelaw.org. Subject: Summer Associate Program. Applicant materials must demonstrate a passion for public service and a commitment to meeting all program requirements.

Cover letter must indicate, in descending order, the top three preferences for geographic placement and practice areas of law. Thoughtful selections are necessary as selected applicants will be placed in one of these chosen areas.

Geographic locations (choose 3):

Dayton, Defiance, Findlay, Lima, Sandusky, Springfield, and Toledo

Practice Areas of Law (choose 3):

Health Care & Public Benefits; Housing & Community Economic Development; Independence and Self-Determination for Women and Children in Poverty; Meaningful Access to Education; Access to Justice "Closing the Justice Gap" through legal education & assistance using state of the art technology; and the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children.

Requirements:

Work full-time (35 hours per week) for a minimum of 10 weeks from May 17, 2021, to July 23, 2021.

Attend a program orientation in Toledo on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Attend all scheduled meetings and trainings throughout the program.

Compensation:

Associate positions are unpaid. Applicants are encouraged to seek scholarships or fellowships through their law school, as well as to apply for grants through sources such as the Federal Work-Study Program or Equal Justice Works Summer Corps. Alternatively, applicants may seek credit from their law school externship program. Assistance with parking fees and program-related travel is available.

ABLE and LAWO are Equal Opportunity Employers and place a high value on diversity in our workplace, including diversity in race, religion, color, creed, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, handicap, genetic information or condition, pregnancy, military status, familial status, political affiliation, citizenship, and veteran status. We strive to create an environment welcoming to all individuals and we encourage applications from individuals traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession. Equal access to our offices is available. Those applicants requiring accommodation for the interview or application process should contact the Recruitment Coordinator at the e-mail address listed above.



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