

Summer Clerkship Program

The Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) is accepting applications for the 2012 Summer Clerkship Program.

AAJC, a member of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, works to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Americans and to build and promote a fair and equitable society for all. Based in Washington, D.C., 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, immigration and immigrant rights, telecommunications and broadband policy, media diversity, and voting rights. AAJC advances its mission through advocacy, public policy, litigation, and community education and outreach.

About The Program

The AAJC Summer Clerkship Program is a competitive program that recruits law and undergraduate students. Undergraduate and law clerks work together with staff attorneys, an arrangement that fosters leadership, peer learning, and organizational behavior learning. Clerks attend regular meetings with the Summer Program Coordinator to discuss and share the progress of their work with the rest of the class.

Clerks will have the opportunity to gain a wide breadth of experience in the various practice areas at AAJC. By the end of the summer, clerks will have had exposure to many of the types of work that AAJC attorneys perform. If a clerk would like to develop a substantive project in a particular practice area, the opportunity to do so with the respective AAJC attorney will be available. Examples of past assignments include:

- Drafting a bench memo for the NAPABA Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition;
- Drafting press releases on breaking news;
- Attending meetings on Capitol Hill and at Federal Agencies; and
- Researching and drafting factsheets, legislative testimony, and legal memos.

In addition to their assignments, clerks attend weekly brown bag lunches and events co-sponsored by AAJC and other national civil rights and Asian Pacific American organizations. Other activities may include tours of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Capitol, and various social activities.

The clerkship position is unpaid. AAJC can provide guidance in finding funding resources and housing. Summer clerkship program dates are: **May 29, 2012 – August 3, 2012.**

How To Apply

Candidates should submit a cover letter explaining interest in the clerkship program and a resumé. Candidates who are invited to interview will be asked to also provide a concise writing sample (3-5 pages), 2-3 references, and a transcript (unofficial accepted). Application materials can be sent to Summer Clerkship Hiring Committee by email to clerks@advancingequality.org. No phone calls please.