



Promoting Justice for Latinos

TERM-TIME & SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT PRLDEF

About Us

PRLDEF is one of the foremost Latino civil rights organizations in the country, serving a pan-Latino constituency. Since 1973, we have been bringing precedent-setting impact litigation that has profoundly improved the way Latinos are treated in our society. Our current areas of focus include constitutional rights, immigrants' rights; voting rights; housing, education, and job discrimination; the treatment of day laborers, freedom of movement, and all forms of bias that affect Latinos. Recent historic victories include *Lozano v. City of Hazleton*, enjoining a Pennsylvania town from enacting its own immigration enforcement laws, and *Doe v. Mamaroneck*, challenging discriminatory harassment of day laborers. Our geographic foci are New York and the Northeastern states, Florida and the Southeastern states, and all areas where Latinos face injustice.

Internships at PRLDEF

PRLDEF interns conduct research, write sections of briefs, participate in client interviews, and accompany lawyers to court hearings. With a small staff and a heavy litigation docket, PRLDEF does not assign "make work" projects to interns. Law students are considered part of our staff and are included in every stage of planning and strategizing our impact cases. Recent student work has included research into the First Amendment rights of laborers, the Fourth Amendment rights of individuals caught up in immigration home raids, and the Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection.

The Summer Program

Each summer several 1L and 2L students from around the country join us to perform cutting-edge legal work. Many of our summer interns become so involved in our cases that they follow up with us during the term to do additional volunteer assignments and/or write law review articles on related topics.

Located at 99 Hudson Street, the home of public interest organizations including the NAACP-LDF and the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), PRLDEF also offers unique opportunities for our interns to learn from other civil rights programs. Every two weeks the three organizations host a "brown bag" lunch with guest speakers from the civil rights community. Past discussions have included the future of desegregation, emerging issues in immigrants' rights, and building public interest careers.

Qualifications

We are seeking energetic, motivated law students with a record of commitment to social justice work, with excellent legal, written, research, and communications skills. Bilingual Spanish/English is a plus **but not required**. We are happy to help students obtain course credit and/or pro bono volunteer hours as permitted/required by their law schools.

Application

Please submit cover letter and resume to jose_perez@prldef.org. Open until filled.