



Title: Summer Law School Student Internship
Agency: Colorado Legal Services
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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

Organization Overview: Colorado Legal Services (CLS) is Colorado's statewide nonprofit legal aid program, with thirteen offices providing civil legal assistance to low-income Coloradans throughout the state. CLS provides free legal assistance in a broad variety of legal areas, including family law, public benefits, eviction defense, consumer protection, services to survivors of serious crime and human trafficking, and many others. You may learn more about CLS on the website at <http://www.coloradolegalservices.org/>.

CLS has strengthened lives, assisted families, and supported communities-one person at a time for over 90 years. We are committed to providing high-quality, free legal advice and representation to eligible individuals throughout Colorado. We have a long history of successful impact and advocacy. CLS strives to bring about substantive, transformational change in the lives of those we serve.

The Alamosa office of Colorado Legal Services provides client-centered and trauma-informed advice and representation to low-income people in a variety of legal areas impacting basic personal needs in a resource-disadvantaged community including housing, consumer, family, and public benefits law. The Alamosa office of Colorado Legal Services proudly serves the six counties of the San Luis Valley, providing excellent legal assistance, advice, and in-court representation to the most vulnerable people of this proud community.

Position Summary: Law student interns in the CLS Alamosa office begin working with clients on the very first day and can expect to feel essential to our office staff. Individual duties will be assigned based on experience level, but all interns work together with the CLS Alamosa team to complete applicant interviews, research case histories, draft pleadings, and participate in hearings before courts or administrative agencies. Interns are encouraged to work independently with the support of the local office and statewide program. In addition to client-centered experiences, CLS Alamosa interns participate in community outreach activities to learn more about the needs of our clients against the backdrop of day-to-day life as part of our income-eligible community.

Qualifications: Legal professional with strong commitment to legal issues affecting low-income people and the needs of a resource-challenged environment. The position

requires excellent interpersonal skills and a commitment to service in addition to an interest in research, writing and interviewing. Candidate should be confident and able to work both independently and as part of a team. Spanish-speaking ability is a plus.

Compensation: \$6000 stipend for 10 weeks full-time (375 hours). In addition, the position is open to receiving other work study funds that are student generated. Students may apply for course credit through their Externship Program.

Location: Alamosa, Colorado in the Alamosa office of Colorado Legal Services.

How to Apply: The Alamosa office requires a resume as well as a cover letter outlining qualifications and why the intern is specifically interested in interning for the Alamosa office of Colorado Legal Services. Please send to eharris@colegalserv.org.