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Summer Law Clerks – Los Angeles Office Investigations Unit (1) and Youth Practice Group (1)

Disability Rights California (DRC) is the state's designated Protection and Advocacy agency. Our Los Angeles office seeks two law clerks for the summer 2020 term for our Investigations Unit and Youth Practice Group. DRC is an established and innovative non-profit agency. We advance the rights of Californians with disabilities.

The Investigations Unit conducts individual investigations and monitoring in schools, nursing homes, jails, state psychiatric hospitals, state developmental centers, and community settings. The Investigations Unit pursues systemic reform through public policy measures and does not typically engage in litigation. The Investigations Unit's projects include enforcing stricter standards for restraint and seclusion in schools, advocating for greater oversight of nursing homes, monitoring the detention of adults and immigrant children with disabilities, and developing better training standards for law enforcement interactions with people with disabilities.

The Youth Practice Group (YPG) advocates ensuring students with disabilities benefit from the vast array of educational services and supports guaranteed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. YPG works to remove barriers for students with disabilities so they can learn, play, and participate in extracurricular activities in neighborhood schools with their peers. Our work includes due process and compliance complaints, litigation and systemic advocacy.

Law clerks gain experience with:

- Interviewing clients and consumers.
- Providing information on self-advocacy.
- Legal research and writing.

- Assisting in the investigation of serious, systemic and potentially life-threatening abuse and neglect in state and private facilities serving people with psychiatric and developmental disabilities.
- Representation at mediation and administrative hearings at school districts, universities, regional centers, Social Security and others.
- Conducting trainings on the law and multi-cultural outreach.

This positions are open to law students of all experience levels. The summer law student 10-week internship will run from June 1 to August 7, 2020, with a 37.5 hour week. Disability Rights California is committed to making a public interest summer a feasible option for law students. Our attorneys will help law clerks apply for a Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) or other grant. For law clerks who are not able to secure outside funding, Disability Rights California may be able to offer an hourly wage based on law school year.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Interested students should apply as early as possible. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter indicating their preferred practice group, writing sample and list of references to:

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At Disability Rights California, we value diversity among our employees because unique perspectives allow us to effectively serve Californians with disabilities from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. As an equal opportunity employer, we hire without regard to race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, creed, age (over 40), Disability (mental and physical), sex, gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, military and veteran status, or any other protected characteristic.

Disability Rights California endorses and supports the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities who are applicants or employees who need accommodations.