

The Internship at University of Vermont

Student Legal Services



Founded in 1977, Student Legal Services (SLS) is one of the oldest student-run legal services in the nation, and has operated continuously since its inception. Each year, 12 to 15 student interns staff the SLS office, located in the SGA space in the Davis Center. Interns work closely with attorneys from the prominent Burlington law firm of Blodgett, Watts, & Volk. They act as liaisons between the attorneys and student clients, and seek to frame legal issues in a way clients can easily understand. Interns relay legal advice, set up meetings, conduct legal research, accompany clients to court and judicial hearings, and provide referral services. Interns work closely with the attorneys on each of their cases, and are obligated to be in the SLS office for a minimum of two hours each week. They must also attend a one-hour case discussion meeting, held weekly.

If you are interested in helping your fellow students navigate the legal process, or simply want to learn more about working in legal-related fields, an internship at SLS will provide you with valuable experience. Interns receive experience in all aspects of legal work, ranging from client relations, to case-building, to legal research. In addition, the chance to intern for practicing attorneys can be an invaluable experience, certainly for those considering law school, but also for those who have not been exposed to the practice of law and are curious about it. Some of our interns do indeed pursue a career in law; however, many choose not to and take with them the multifaceted skills they acquire in their time here.

Interns apply in the spring semester for the following academic year. Applicants should have strong interpersonal skills and high aptitudes for both written and oral communication. No prior knowledge of the law is necessary. Only current freshmen, sophomores, or juniors are eligible to apply. The internship application itself is on the second page of this document. Please return a hard-copy of your completed application to the SLS office in the SGA office space in the Davis Center by Friday, March 10 at 5 PM. Please direct all questions to legal@uvm.edu or (802) 656-4379.

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2017-2018 Internship Application

DUE: FRIDAY, March 10th, 2017 – 5:00 PM

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name:

Local Address:

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E-mail:

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ACADEMICS

Present Class (Circle One): F S J

Major(s):

Minor(s)

GPA:

Will you be enrolled on campus for the entire 2017-2018 academic year? (Circle One): Y N

COVER LETTER AND RESUME

Please enclose a one page resume and a one page cover letter describing yourself, your interest in Student Legal Services, and any relevant experience and qualifications for the internship.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2017. You must deliver your stapled, typed, completed application and cover letter to our office, located in the SGA space on the third floor of the Davis Center. If no intern is present to collect your application, please slip it under the door. We will *only* consider printed applications – no electronic submissions or late submissions will be accepted.