



LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF HAWAI'I



SUMMER CLERKSHIP OPPORTUNITIES For Law Students

The Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i, Hawaii's oldest and largest non-profit law firm, provides legal assistance to low and moderate income individuals and families in the areas of housing, consumer protection, public benefit, family and immigration. **Legal Aid hosts 6-12 summer law clerks each year. Positions may be available in our Honolulu, Waianae, Kaneohe, Kauai, Kona, Hilo, Maui, and Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid offices.**

Summer Law Clerks attend a 3 day poverty law training plus training specific to their project or practice areas. Each student is assigned to an office, unit or project where they conduct legal research, draft pleadings, meet with clients and, when possible, represent clients at administrative hearings. Summer law clerks are expected to work full-time for approximately 10-12 weeks beginning in late May or early June.

Direct Client Contact and Representation: Law Students often have the opportunity participate in ongoing representation side by side with their supervising attorneys. Students may interview and counsel clients, draft pleadings, prepare discovery, assist in teaching "clinics" and, in some cases, may even represent clients in Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration and/or Child Support Enforcement Agency administrative proceedings.

Develop Written Materials: Summer law clerks develop, format, and revise written materials and court forms which assist clients with common legal and economic problems.

Research Projects: Law Student's skills in research and writing are often utilized for research projects. Past projects include drafting memoranda for ongoing litigation, the creation of a housing law manual, researching and assessing current legal and social issues affecting children nationwide and in Hawai'i, investigating payday lenders and their effects on the low-income population and creating and revising our Consumer Law Manual and our Public Benefits Manual.

Funding: Law Students are encouraged to find their own funding through public interest grants, including APIL grants. Potential APIL applicants should apply with Legal Aid early. Assistance with placements and grant review are provided. The Chris Iijima Fellowship, provided in partnership with APIL, will provide a modest stipend to one student selected to serve at the Hawaii Immigrant Justice Center at Legal Aid. At least two positions will be eligible to receive a modest education award via our AmeriCorps program.

Applications consisting of a resume and cover letter should be submitted in electronic format to Angela J. Lovitt at angela.lovitt@legalaidhawaii.org. Students with a strong preference for office or subject matter focus should indicate such in their cover letter. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled, but students are encouraged to apply early