

Victim Rights Law Center

Legal Internship Opportunities

Founded as the first law center in the nation dedicated solely to serving the legal needs of sexual assault survivors, Victim Rights Law Center's (VRLC) mission is to ensure that every sexual assault victim has an attorney and access to the most effective legal remedies available. **VRLC is currently accepting applications from law students for legal intern positions.** Please see the position description below.

VRLC provides...

- Free legal services to rape and sexual assault survivors in Massachusetts in the areas of their lives that have been impacted by the assault, including privacy, safety, housing, employment, education, and finances.
- Training for lawyers and advocates nationwide on how to represent and advocate for victims in the legal areas above.

Our interns work in a variety of areas, depending on interest and experience. These include:

- **Client Services:** Interns may observe legal intakes; assist staff attorneys on current cases; draft motions, oppositions, and legal memos; and observe court and administrative proceedings. Interns may also participate in weekly meetings at which the direct services team discusses recent intakes and legal issues in active cases.
- **Research:** Because sexual assault law is still developing, we do a good deal of research on how to use existing law creatively to access remedies for our clients. We welcome interns interested in researching the cutting-edge legal issues that survivors face in the aftermath of a sexual assault.
- **Special Projects:** VRLC is involved with various ongoing discrete projects on which interns could work. These include Spanish translation or interpretation, initiatives focused on representing victims of sexual assault in marginalized communities, creating population-specific outreach and digital materials, research in support of policy level work, and more.

For Fall or Spring Internships, we require a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week for the duration of the academic semester. While these internships are unpaid, we support and encourage law students to seek academic credit and/or third-party funding for their work.

For Summer Internships, we require a minimum commitment of 10 weeks, full-time. A stipend is provided.

VRLC deeply values diverse voices and perspectives on our team. People of color, LGBTQI+ individuals, survivors, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in internship opportunities at VRLC, please send your cover letter and resume to internma@victimrights.org. Incomplete applications and applications from undergraduate students will not be considered. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled.