Policy Advocacy Clinic

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Juvenile Justice Reform 2019 Paid Summer Fellowships J.D. & M.P.P. Students

The U.C. Berkeley School of Law Policy Advocacy Clinic invites applications from J.D. and M.P.P students for Summer 2019 Fellowships in Juvenile Justice Reform.

These are paid positions, with a stipend of \$5,000 for 10 weeks of full-time work from May 28 to August 2, 2019.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

In the clinic, interdisciplinary teams of law and public policy students pursue non-litigation strategies to address systemic racial, economic and social injustice. The clinic's approach is bottom-up, problem-based and client-driven. Students support local, state and national change campaigns, while exploring their own capacities and limits to influence law and public policy.

Current projects include efforts to reduce the harmful, unlawful and costly practice of charging fines and fees to low-income people, with a special emphasis on representing the interests of youth, families, and homeless people.

The Summer Fellows will work on a national project to end regressive and racially discriminatory fees imposed on families with youth in the juvenile justice system.

Recent research suggests that such fees tear families apart and increase recidivism, thus undermining both the rehabilitative and public safety purposes of the juvenile justice system.

Summer Fellows will have rewarding and challenging experiences, including interviewing clients and experts, conducting legal and social science research, and consulting stakeholders in affected communities (community members, policy advocacy organizations, public officials, and academics).

Working on behalf of clients and partners under the supervision of clinic faculty, students will have significant responsibility for deepening relationships with juvenile justice advocacy partners in California and other states.

The work may involve paid travel out of California during the summer.

Interested students should email a cover letter, resume, writing sample and contact information for two references to Dominique DeBerry: <u>ddeberry@law.berkeley.edu.</u>

For more information about the Policy Advocacy Clinic, please visit: https://www.law.berkeley.edu/experiential/clinics/policy-advocacy-clinic/.