



LCBH Fall 2017 Legal Internships

About LCBH

The Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH) believes that every individual and family is entitled to decent housing as a basic need and human right. For over thirty years, LCBH has defended the rights of tenants to have safe, accessible, and affordable housing on a non-discriminatory basis through education, outreach, supportive services, advocacy, and legal representation impacting over 10,000 Chicago area renters each year. LCBH provides free legal assistance to low-income and working class renters facing eviction and other serious housing issues. With the help of our volunteers, LCBH represents over 500 individuals and families in court each year.

LCBH also offers supportive services for the most vulnerable legal clients to create a more holistic approach to services beyond the immediate legal crisis. This includes assessment, assistance in locating alternative affordable housing, applying for emergency funding, screening for public benefits, and providing links to other essential services. This multi-disciplinary and holistic approach has proven an effective way to assist clients in moving towards a goal of attaining more stable housing beyond the immediate crisis.

About Our Internship Program

Legal interns will work as part of an interdisciplinary team of attorneys and social work students to best advocate on behalf of low-income tenants. Interns will have opportunities to appear in court (if 711-eligible) and to participate in every aspect of litigation from client interviews to settlement negotiations and trial preparation. Interns will also research legal issues, draft legal memoranda and pleadings, conduct discovery and investigation, and attend intake and legal strategy meetings. Legal interns will work in the following practice areas:

- **Eviction Defense:** Our Eviction Defense Project provides high-volume, no-cost legal services to families in eviction court, many times providing the last defense against homelessness.
- **Tenants in Foreclosure:** Our Tenants in Foreclosure Project provides direct representation and support to renters impacted by foreclosure in court proceedings and through counseling, outreach, and training.

Time Commitment: Interns must be able to spend a minimum of 12 hours/week in the office. Start and end dates are flexible.

Application Instructions: Interested applicants should apply by emailing a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Pro Bono Coordinator Julie Pautsch at jpautsch@lcbh.org.

Deadline: Monday, August 28, 2017