



Legal Internship Opportunity (Part- or Full-Time) Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Semesters

The Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization based in Washington, D.C., works to strengthen the **rule of law** and promote respect for **human rights in Latin America** through applied research, strategic alliances, advocacy, and outreach.

Our vision is a Latin America in which civil society, using national and international legal instruments, participates fully in the consolidation of the rule of law, and in which judicial institutions are independent, transparent, accessible, and able to fulfill their role in strengthening democracy. DPLF was founded by Professor Thomas Buergenthal, retired judge at the International Court of Justice (The Hague), and his former colleagues from the UN Truth Commission for El Salvador.

For more information on our work, please visit www.dplf.org and www.dplfblog.com.

Position Description

The legal intern's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, monitoring, researching, and writing about various issues of interest to DPLF, such as:

- **Transitional justice and the fight against impunity**
- **Anti-corruption mechanisms such as hybrid bodies (e.g. CICIG, MACCIH)**
- **The Inter-American Human Rights System**
- **Judicial independence and justice sector reform**
- **Human rights and extractive industries, i.e. impact on indigenous communities**
- **Business and human rights**

In addition to legal research, interns will have the opportunity to participate in activities surrounding DPLF's thematic hearings before the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights** where logistical support and attendance at events and meetings on behalf of the organization will be expected.

Requirements

This position is open to current JD and LLM students only. (Recent law graduates, please see our Legal Fellowship announcement.) Candidates must demonstrate:

- A high level of competence in both written and spoken English and Spanish.
- Strong analytical and legal research & writing skills.



- An interest in human rights and the rule of law in the Americas.
- Ability to work in DPLF's office in Washington, DC at least 10 hours per week.

Additional criteria (welcome but not required):

- Basic understanding of international law and regional human rights mechanisms
- Ability to read and write in Portuguese
- Social media savvy

Application Process

Interested applicants should send their resume, cover letter, one **writing sample in English** and an additional **writing sample in Spanish** to info@dplf.org, with "Legal Internship Application" in the subject line. **Please ensure that at least one writing sample demonstrates your capacity for legal research and writing (e.g. brief or memorandum).** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; early applications encouraged.

DPLF's internship is unpaid, but may qualify for academic credit according to the intern's needs and university requirements. Start and end dates are flexible.