



Did you go to law school to help people?

Achieve your goal with an internship or externship at the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law!

Who you will help:

✦ Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

The majority of clients who come to the Center are victims of domestic violence. This includes partner rape, physical assault, emotional abuse, and all other forms of control and harm.

✦ Children in poor families who are exposed to domestic violence

The dual problems of poverty and domestic violence are debilitating, robbing children of their childhoods and causing permanent psychological, educational, and economic hardship. Our clients' children are all direct beneficiaries of the Center's assistance.

✦ Low-income women and families

100% of Center clients are low-income, and most are women who are working low-wage jobs, raising young children, and struggling economically with great psychological and emotional stresses.

What you will do:

✦ Work directly with clients

Center interns conduct client interviews, gather facts and work with clients to form safety plans and obtain court relief such as orders for domestic violence prevention, custody and visitation, spousal and/or child support, property division, and more.

✦ Learn to practice family law

Staff attorneys supervise law students in a one-on-one environment, providing valuable learning experience and individualized instruction. Law students learn about the life cycle of a family law case, including required court forms and procedures.

See the back of this flyer to read about former interns' experience at the Center!

How to apply: Send your cover letter, résumé, and writing sample to Taryn May, Volunteer Coordinator, at tmay@hbcfl.org.

Here's what our intern alumni have to say about their experiences:

"I learned more about law in one week at the Center than I did my entire first year of law school! Plus, the law students are really able to make a difference here."

✚ Rebecca Fischer, Summer 2012, UCLA Law School

"My experience at the Center has made me so happy and thankful that I decided to go to law school. I now have a deeper appreciation for the legal profession and a greater faith in the capacity of a public interest firm to change and affect the lives of the clients and the community. I worked with some of the most intelligent attorneys I have ever seen and have learned from some of the nicest people I have ever met."

✚ Jacqueline Bowers, Summer 2016, USC Gould School of Law

"I got much more client interaction than I hoped for. I felt welcomed, needed, and well-utilized."

✚ C.J. Bacon, Summer 2015, USC Gould School of Law

"The Center offers a valuable training process, not only particularized in family law, but one that encompasses the day to day challenges of an attorney. It is easy to sit behind a computer repeating tasks that have been done before you, but the challenge is learning how to think and act like a lawyer."

✚ Alleen Markarian, Summer 2014, Pepperdine University School of Law

"My summer internship at the Center has given me numerous opportunities to hone my communication skills, writing skills, and ability to be a reliable advocate for my clients. The Center does truly important work in the community and I am very grateful that I was able to work so closely with its clients and staff."

✚ Cathy Joo, Summer 2017, USC Gould School of Law

