

Gonzaga Law in Action 2022 – Columbia Legal Services

The Center for Civil and Human Rights is excited to offer once again a Spring Break opportunity, Gonzaga Law in Action, for **four** Gonzaga law students committed to civil and human rights.

The Center is collaborating with Columbia Legal Services (CLS) (www.columbialegal.org), which has recently adopted a new strategic direction to focus advocacy efforts on dismantling and transforming two of the key racialized systems that perpetuate poverty, injustice, and dehumanization: mass incarceration and the violent impacts of the immigration system.

During Spring Break 2022 (March 9-13, 2022), the Center for Civil and Human Rights will have up to four law students work with CLS to dismantle and transform the system of mass incarceration and the immigrant system. Selected law students will learn and conduct legal research in the area of prisoners' rights, immigrant farmworkers' rights, and investigate treatment of immigrant farmworkers and people incarcerated in Washington state prisons and jails. Law students will receive training on prison and immigrant farmworker law and an equity training focused on anti-racist principles relevant to legal advocacy. The work produced during Spring Break 2022 will assist CLS in their advocacy, which often involves class-action lawsuits, appellate work, and legislative action in coalition with immigrant farmworker communities and communities impacted by mass incarceration and deportation.

Participation in this Spring Break opportunity is a good way for law students to connect with CLS. Students interested in this opportunity would benefit from reading *Colvin v. Inslee*, 195 Wn.2d 879, 467 P.3d 953 (2020) (EMI work) and *Martinez-Cuevas v. DeRuyter Brothers Dairy, Inc.*, 196 Wn.2d 506, 475 P.3d 164 (2020) (PIE work).

Applicants must submit the following materials to the Center for Civil & Human Rights by email to civilrightscenter@gonzaga.edu no later than **Friday, February 11, 2022, at 5:00 pm**:

1. Resume
2. Cover letter that includes answers to the following questions:
 - a. Why are you interested in this opportunity with Gonzaga Law in Action? What makes you a good candidate for this opportunity?
 - b. Are you from a community impacted by the issues CLS addresses, or have lived experience or other demonstrated meaningful and sustained experience with people living in poverty, people of color, immigrant, or indigenous communities or the criminal legal system?

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- c. Do you have concerns interacting with or advocating for people with serious criminal convictions?

- d. How will this spring break opportunity further your own professional goals?

Students must be in Academic Good Standing (GPA of 2.2 or higher) in order to be chosen for this opportunity. Selected students will be notified by **February 16, 2022**.