



PART-TIME SPRING 2023 REMOTE LEGAL INTERNSHIP*

NOTICE TO LAW STUDENTS

Legal Intern/Extern*

ABOUT PROTECT OUR DEFENDERS

Protect Our Defenders is the nation's preeminent human rights organization working to ensure that all people serving in the US Armed Forces experience a workplace free from sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination. Founded in 2011, Protect Our Defenders is the leading force in exposing and reforming a military culture that widely accepts sexual harassment, treats victims with disbelief and rarely prosecutes and convicts sexual assault.

Today, Protect Our Defenders is uniquely positioned to ensure that major new transformative military justice reforms are fully implemented, survivors receive needed legal representation and that broader change in the military workplace culture is accelerated. We must train and retain those serving our nation in a workplace free from sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Our work includes researching and exposing dysfunction in the military training, adjudication, and Veterans Administration (VA) systems related to sexual assault and harassment; amplifying survivors' voices within the policy debate; helping survivors access appropriate services, including pro bono legal help; and supporting policy initiatives that fundamentally reform how the Department of Defense deals with rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

INTERNSHIP OVERVIEW

Protect Our Defenders' Law Center represents survivors of military sexual assault, sexual harassment, and reprisal for such. Legal Interns will provide legal assistance and support alongside in-house counsel. This will involve communicating directly with survivors; drafting motions, briefs, and/or memorandums; researching case law; keeping track of in-house clients; and filing FOIA requests. Interns will be asked to assist with client communications, provide support to in-house counsel, and participate in case reviews with staff. Legal Interns will report to both in-house counsel and the Director of Programs and Policy.

Because we are a small organization, our interns work side-by-side with staff members and receive substantive experience with military sexual assault and harassment legal matters. We will work with you to ensure that this internship provides a meaningful professional experience.

We are seeking part-time interns to work approximately 15 hours per week. Specific start and end dates for Spring 2023 are flexible, and we can meet externship requirements if needed.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide legal support to in-house counsel

- Assist in-house counsel in drafting discovery requests; draft motions, briefs and/or memorandums for cases going to court martial and/or for records correction requests; and draft letters to military authorities concerning victim rights
- Maintain communications with clients
- Research relevant case law and federal and military regulations
- File FOIA and other document request forms

DESIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- Excellent research, writing, and communication abilities
- Good time management and organizational skills
- Commitment to public interest and social justice
- Knowledge of Westlaw
- Some knowledge of military justice preferred
- **REQUIRED:** Must have completed a legal writing course
- **PREFERRED:** Must have completed a criminal law course

***Can accommodate Externship requirements.**

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should send a brief cover letter, resume, short writing sample, and two references to Adelaide Kahn, at akahn@protectourdefenders.com with the subject line “[NAME] – SPRING 2023 LEGAL INTERNSHIP.” We are accepting applicants on a rolling basis.

Protect Our Defenders is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage and consider all applications without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, and disability.