



Title: **Government Misconduct/Racial Justice Legal Intern**

Start Date: January 2015

Overview:

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) seeks experienced second or third-year law students or LLM students with a strong commitment to social justice to provide legal research and analysis as part of a semester-long unpaid internship opportunity. CCR is a national not-for-profit legal, educational, and advocacy organization dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South, CCR is committed to the creative use of law as a positive force for social change. CCR's legal internships are part of CCR's Bertha Justice Institute (BJI), an innovative training institute for social justice law students and lawyers created in partnership with the Bertha Foundation. The BJI supports existing and aspiring social justice lawyers through a range of programs including: post-graduate fellowships, the summer [Ella Baker Program](#), fall/spring internships and externships, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses, regional conferences and national training institutes.

Position Description:

Interns will have the opportunity to work with CCR attorneys on a range of projects, particularly related to policing practices, prisoners' rights, immigration, racial discrimination, and national security issues. Some of our cases include: [Stop-and-frisk litigation](#); challenges to [solitary confinement](#) and [other abusive and discriminatory prison practices](#); [FOIA cases](#) and [litigation](#) in support of immigrants' rights; and challenges to [NYPD surveillance of Muslims](#) and [racial discrimination in FDNY hiring](#).

Responsibilities include: assisting in legal research and writing; performing factual research and review; reviewing and indexing documents released by government agencies in FOIA litigation; assisting in writing reports and engaging in advocacy; and assisting with trial preparation. The ideal candidate will have some experience with one or more of the following: litigation in federal courts; international law (with a focus on human rights, humanitarian law and/or criminal law); FOIA litigation; engaging with U.N. special procedure mechanisms; First Amendment law; immigration law; prisoners' rights; section 1983 police misconduct litigation; class action litigation; national security law; and working with communities to advocate for social change. Candidates should also demonstrate experience in and/or commitment to social justice, organizing and/or social movements.

The intern will spend 10-20 hours per week between January and May 2015 assisting attorneys on projects. This position is also open to students seeking full-time semester-long externships.

Application Instructions:

Qualified candidates should prepare a resume, cover letter, legal writing sample and list of 3 references as one PDF document prior to applying via the web form at <http://www.ccrjustice.org/spring-2015-legal-internship-application>. Applications will be

considered on a rolling basis and strong consideration will be given to early applicants. CCR is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and actively recruits people of color, women, persons with disabilities, and persons with diverse gender and sexual identities. No phone calls please.