

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LAW**

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1000 Friends of Florida

926 E. Park Ave.

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850) 222-6277

www.1000friendsofflorida.org/

1000 Friends of Florida is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit membership organization that was founded in 1986 to serve as Florida's growth management "watchdog."

2nd Judicial Circuit

Patricia Moayad

301 S Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32301

(850) 577-4418

www.leoncountyfl.gov/2ndCircuit/

Each student will be assigned to work directly with a judge, under the supervision of a staff attorney. Various short and longer term research project assignments. All pro bono students must submit to a criminal background check.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida

Susan Watson, Northeast Regional Director

314 W. Jefferson Street

Tallahassee, FL 32306

(850) 429-9128

www.acluf.org/

Students research civil liberties issues. Other duties depend on caseload.

Apalachicola Riverkeeper

Andrew Smith, Executive Director

232 B Water Street

Apalachicola, FL 32320

(850) 653-8936

www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org

The Apalachicola Riverkeeper engages in multiple law-based projects to protect the Apalachicola Bay and River. We would anticipate providing opportunities for students to conduct legal research on pertinent issues, retrieve and review agency files, attend substantive meetings with stakeholders, agency representatives and other organizations, attend public hearings and meetings of local governments.

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida

Deborah Herman, Director of Volunteer Activities

1380 Blountstown Hwy

Tallahassee, FL 32316

(850) 222-2180

www.catholiccharitiesnwfl.org/

The internship/volunteer program is designed to provide law students interested in pursuing a career in immigration law with a working knowledge of immigration/refugee resettlement practices and human services in the United States. Participants would be presented with the opportunity to work under the supervision of

an immigration specialist and immigration attorney, and participate in outreach, client interview, case assessment, case preparation.

Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

Terry Coonan, Director
426 West Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 644-4550
www.cahr.fsu.edu/

The Center has the mandate of facilitating the development of human rights-related courses throughout the university, of establishing human rights field placements for FSU students, and of supporting non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") throughout the world that engage in human rights work.

Clean Water Network of Florida, The

Linda Young
PO Box 254
Tallahassee, FL 32302
(850) 222-9188
www.cwn-se.org

The Clean Water Network is an alliance of over 1,000 organizations that endorse the need for strong clean water safeguards to protect human health and the environment. CWN includes a variety of organizations representing environmentalists, family farmers, recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, surfers, boaters, faith communities, environmental justice advocates, labor unions, and civic associations.

Department of Children and Families, Circuits 2 & 14

Susan Trombley
2383 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 488-4310
Susan_Trombley@dcf.state.fl.us

Students assist attorneys with both individual cases and policy issues affecting the Florida system. Work may include research and writing, policy work, and case preparation in the areas of administrative law, disability law, domestic violence, family law, institutionalized rights, labor/employment, poverty law, public benefits, and youth/child issues.

Disability Rights Florida

Maryellen McDonald, Supervising Attorney
2728 Centerview Drive, Ste. 102
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-9071 x.225
www.disabilityrightsflorida.org/

Students work on individual cases accepted by the center and prepare them for administrative hearings. Work may also include researching, drafting pleadings, and answering discovery requests.

Earthjustice
Alisa Coe
111 South MLK, Jr. Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 681-0031
www.earthjustice.org/

Students perform legal research in support of litigation and assist in case preparation.

First Amendment Foundation

Barbara Petersen
336 East College Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 2247-4555
www.floridafaf.org/

Students have the opportunity to work with attorneys in providing information on First Amendment/Sunshine Law to the public via the toll-free hotline and by assisting with legal research and educational publications for the First Amendment Foundation.

Florida Commission on Human Relations

Larry Krane
2009 Apalachee Parkway, Ste. 200
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-7082
<http://fchr.state.fl.us/>

The Commission is the state agency charged with enforcing the state's civil rights laws and serves as a resource on human relations for the people of Florida. It is against Florida law to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or familial status. The Commission investigates complaints in the areas of areas of employment, housing, public accommodations and state employee whistle-blower retaliation.

Florida Council against Sexual Violence

Ebony Tucker, Project Director
1820 E. Park Avenue, Suite 100
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850)297-2000
www.fcasv.org

Student volunteers will assist in conducting legal research on a wide variety of issues pertaining to victims of sexual and domestic violence. These issues will include but may not be limited to; immigration, the rights of the disabled and employment and housing.

Florida Department of Community Affairs

Debbie Kearney, General Counsel
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FI 32399
(850) 922-1685
www.dca.state.fl.us/

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is the state's land planning and community development agency. The Department ensures that new growth complies with the state's vital growth management laws, while also helping established communities revitalize their older or traditional neighborhoods.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Heather Chapman
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 245-2242
www.dep.state.fl.us/

Students conduct legal research and draft documents relating to environmental protection issues.

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Legal Office
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-4676
<http://myfwc.com/>

The Commission serves the citizens of Florida by protecting fish and wildlife resources. Students perform clerking tasks for attorneys, working with issues in employment issues, wildlife, and habitat.

Florida Legal Services

Anne Swerlick
2425 Torreya Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-9998
www.floridalegal.org/

Florida Legal Services provides service delivery coordination, training, case consultation and technical assistance to all legal service providers in Florida.

Florida Public Interest Research Group

Amina Fazlullah
926 E. Park Ave.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 224-3321
www.floridapirg.org

Florida Public Interest Group takes on powerful interests on behalf of Florida's citizens, working to win concrete results for our health and our well-being.

Guardian Ad Litem Program (Leon County)

Deborah Moore
315 South Calhoun Street, Ste. 800
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-7612
www.guardianadlitem.org/partners_c2.asp

Students assist attorneys in all aspects of pending cases. Students' desire to assist abused and neglected children in the judicial system must be very strong. Students may investigate disputed custody cases and make recommendations to the court for disposition in child's best interest as trained guardian ad litem.

Innocence Project—Florida, Inc.

Seth E. Miller, Executive Director
1100 East Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 561-6767

<http://floridainnocence.org/content/>

The Innocence Project handles cases where post-conviction DNA testing of evidence can yield conclusive proof of innocence. Most clients are poor, forgotten, and have used up all of their legal avenues for relief. The hope they all have is that biological evidence from their cases still exists and can be subjected to DNA testing. Students handle the case work while supervised by a team of attorneys and clinic staff.

Institute for Family Violence Studies

Karen Oehme, Project Attorney
FSU School of Social Work
C3404 University Center
Tallahassee, FL 32306
(850) 644-6303

koehme@fsu.edu

Students learn about supervised visitation on a national level. The Clearinghouse is part of the FSU Institute for Family Violence Studies in the School of Social Work located in the University Center. The mission of the Clearinghouse is to serve as a resource on supervised visitation and related family law issues by providing technical and legal assistance to the judiciary, providers, and other referring agencies. Legal research is required.

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.

Jim Millard
126 West Adams 904
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 356-8371

jim.millard@jaxlegalaid.org

JALA is a law firm of 30 attorneys specializing in providing civil legal assistance to low-income persons.

Lake Jackson Alliance

William Nickell
PO Box 180653
Tallahassee, FL 32318
(850) 562-8995

The Lake Jackson Protection Alliance is a non-profit organization trying to protect Lake Jackson, a state aquatic preserve, from over-development and environmental damage. Research topics including engineering, surveys, land use procedures, zoning regulations, local law and general civil procedure.

Legal Aid Foundation of The Tallahassee Bar Association

Paige Palmer, Volunteer Coordinator
301 South Monroe Street, Suite 108
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-9468
www.tallahasseebar.org

Students provide legal help for various civil issues. Cases will benefit statutorily indigent clients.

Legal Services of North Florida

John Fenno, Volunteer Director
2119 Delta Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-9007
www.lsnf.org/

Students provide legal help for various civil issues. Cases will benefit statutorily indigent clients. Students wishing to assist the homeless should make that specific request known. The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic is always looking for law students to assist in tax controversy cases, too.

Nature Conservancy, The

Tina Sullivan
625 N. Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-0199
tina_sullivan@tnc.org

The Nature Conservancy — the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people.

Northwest Florida Legal Services

Phyllis Foley
P.O. Box 1551
Pensacola, FL 32597
(850) 432-2336
www.nature.org/

Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, Region 1

Sheila Callahan, Volunteer Coordinator
227 N. Bronough Street, Ste. 1125
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 922-0179
Callahans_rc1@jac.state.fl.us

Pro bono legal work with the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel is an exciting opportunity for 1L's, 2L's, 3L's and Alumni to refine their practical skills under the direction of skilled criminal defense attorneys. Our office provides flexible opportunities for students with busy schedules to complete their pro bono hours in both the trial and appellate divisions. Please contact our office to inquire about available pro bono opportunities.

Office of Public Guardian, Inc.

Karen Campbell, Executive Director
2292 Wednesday Street, Suite 1
Tallahassee, FL 32308

1-850-487-4609 ~ 1-866-615-0284 (toll free)

WeCare@BigBendOPG.org (email) ~ www.bigbendopg.org

The Office of Public Guardian, Inc., (OPG) serves adults with mental and/or physical disabilities as their court-appointed legal guardian when they are incapable of managing some or all of their affairs. The OPG provides quality public assistance in the form of guardianship services to vulnerable adults adjudicated incapacitated who have no family, friends, or resources to obtain a private guardian.

Office of the Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit

Sharon Fernandez
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Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-2458

sharon.fernandez@flpd2.com

Office of the State Attorney, Second Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Willie Meggs
301 S. Monroe Street, Ste. 401
Tallahassee, FL 32301

www.co.leon.fl.us/statty/

Pets Ad Litem

Ralph DeMeo
119 South Monroe Street, Ste 300
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-7500

www.petsadlitem.com/

The goals of our organization are to enhance public awareness of responsible pet ownership; coordinate competent, professional assistance for state and local governments to develop a unified and cohesive team to address animal issues; provide proficient and skillful representation of the interests of animals in legal proceedings; and to protect the rights and promote the best interests of animals.

Public Interest Law Center

Paolo Annino, Co-Director
FSU College of Law
Tallahassee, FL 32306
(850) 644-9928

www.law.fsu.edu/academic_programs/jd.../cac/index.html

Students provide research. Timing may allow for other possibilities. Focus is on children's issues including: juvenile justice, children and pesticides at school, social security, disability, legislative adequacy, and policy analysis.

Rambana & Ricci, P.A.
Elizabeth Ricci, Partner
521 E. Tennessee St
Tallahassee, FL 32308
(850) 224-4529

Law students will assist in 1) researching immigration issues affecting HIV Positive aliens; 2) researching the authority and constitutionality of regulations requiring social security numbers and INS approval notices to secure driver and marriage licenses in Florida; 3) researching the practice, authority and constitutionality of public schools denying admission to elementary age illegal immigrant children.

Resident Legal Services
Mike McCormick
Resident Hospital Attorney, Florida State Hospital
P.O. Box 1000
Chattahoochee, FL 32324
(850) 663-7371
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St. Thomas University Human Rights Institute
Christine Reis
16400 NW 32 Avenue
Miami, FL 33054
(866) 441-5229

www.stu.edu/HumanRights/HumanRightsInstitute/.../Default.aspx

The Institute provides free immigration services and legal representation in Immigration Court to the poor. It also handles cases pertaining to violation of human rights. Students may work on client intake interviews and fill out work authorization permits as well as adjustment of status (residency) applications. Some students may be given the opportunity to serve as an English/Spanish translator at a political asylum interview. Other responsibilities may include researching legal issues and drafting memorandums.

Surfrider Foundation
Rick Hayes, Legislative Policy Director
PO Box 683
Jensen Beach, FL 34958
(305) 586-1961
www.surfrider.org/

Students would be involved in researching, analyzing and drafting legislation, tracking legislation, attending public hearings and analyzing testimony, and possibly speaking in such hearings.

Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc.
Mike Wing
423 E. Virginia St
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 488-7334
www.taltrust.org

Students assist the local historic preservation board in developing procedures for locally designating historic properties to the Local Register of Historic Places as defined in the local historic preservation ordinances. Students work with the local historic preservation board members and staff and local government legal staff. Also, students assist in the development of a local archeological ordinance for Tallahassee and Leon County.

Teen Court (Gadsden County)

Tiffany Parsons-Braswell, Program Coordinator
339 East Jefferson St.
Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 875-7596

Teen Court is a 'real' sentencing hearing for first time misdemeanor and 3rd degree felony juvenile offenders. Students will assist the teen attorneys with the preparation of their cases and will also serve as juror observers. They must complete seven evenings of Teen Court to receive hours.

Teen Court (Leon County)

Quenita White, Education Coordinator
301 S Monroe Street, Suite 225
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 577-4467

<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/teencourt/>

Students assist in cases and preparation of teens prosecuting and defense cases. Also, students critique trial advocacy techniques of teen attorneys and provide feedback and suggestions during the debriefing process.

Trust for Public Lands, The

Peter Fodor
306 North Monroe
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 222-7911 x.29

www.tpl.org/

TPL is the only national nonprofit working exclusively to protect land for human enjoyment and well-being. TPL helps conserve land for recreation and spiritual nourishment and to improve the health and quality of life of American communities.

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc.

214 West University Ave., Suite A
Gainesville, FL 32601
(352) 372-0519

www.trls.org/

TRLS is a local non-profit corporation funded for the sole purpose of providing free legal services to low income, eligible clients in twelve counties in North Central Florida. TRLS mission is to provide free quality legal services to the poor, abused, disabled and elderly and to empower and educate them through preventative legal education. Areas of legal service include Consumer Protection, Housing Preservation, Public Benefits, Family Law, and Community Education and Economic Development. While help in any of TRLS offices is acceptable, preference will be given to students interested in assisting with the Equal Justice

Works project. Student volunteers can expect to help staff advice clinics under supervision of an attorney, analyze and discuss legal problems of the poor, and help in community outreach programs.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.)

Megan Earnhardt
United Way of the Big Bend
307 East 7th Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 488-8342

megan@uwbb.org

<http://www.thebestproject.org/tax-help/volunteers>

****This opportunity is available only during tax season (January through April) each year.*** Volunteers should have a basic understanding of simple tax returns and be willing to make a time commitment of approximately two to four hours a week throughout the filing season. Each volunteer must complete classroom training or self-study the material and pass a test before being able to participate. The test will be given as part of the training class. For self-study, students need to ask for a set of study materials and schedule the test after completion. Classroom training occurs in December and January each year; self-study training can be done between December and March each year.*

Wildlaw Florida Office

Brett Paben
233 3rd St North, Suite 300
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 388-3654

www.wildlaw.org/florida.htm

Students will provide legal research on administrative and environmental law, focusing on public lands, endangered species and forestry issues. Other opportunities may exist depending on caseload and student's interest.

****OTHER LOCATIONS****

If you identify an opportunity that is not listed above, you must submit a **Pro Bono Registration Form** to the Office of Student Affairs Office **BEFORE** completing any hours. We will verify that the site is acceptable and that you will receive credit for hours performed at that location.

*A copy of the form is located in Room 206 and online at
www.law.fsu.edu/current_students/student_affairs/pro_bono.php.*

