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# **NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC INTEREST DIRECTORY**

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## AIDS

**Organization:** AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 2829 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Phone:** (216) 621-0766

**Website:** <http://aidstaskforce.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with providing support and referral services.

**Description of Organization:** Provides a variety of services, including case management, support groups, housing, and transportation to individuals in the community living with HIV.

**Organization:** Circle Health Services

**Location:** 12201 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**Phone:** (216) 721 4010 or (216) 707- 3438

**Email:** [dkorn@circlehealthservices.org](mailto:dkorn@circlehealthservices.org)

**Website:** <http://www.circlehealthservices.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime, call for the next available training session

**Responsibilities of Students:** A variety of positions are available including intake workers, syringe exchange program worker, advocate (assisting with story banking), and patient appointment advocate.

**Description of Organization:** Works to promote free access to health care for those in need in the Cleveland area. Special projects concerning drug treatment and stopping the spread of AIDS and HIV.

## **ANIMAL RIGHTS**

**Organization:** Cleveland Animal Protective League

**Location:** 1729 Wiley Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44113

**Phone:** (216) 771-4616

**Email:** [contact@clevelandapl.org](mailto:contact@clevelandapl.org)

**Website:** [www.clevelandapl.org](http://www.clevelandapl.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help with cruelty investigations and prepare pleadings for cases that go to trial.

**Description of Organization:** Follow up on allegations of cruelty to animals. Do investigations and take some cases to court.

## **CHILD ADVOCACY**

**Organization:** Children and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

**Location:** 9300 Quincy Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**Phone:** (216) 443- 3377

**Website:** <http://guardianadlitemproject.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research special projects.

**Description of Organization:** Provides guardian ad litem attorneys for children who are abused or neglected. Helps research and monitor cases and advocates for children.

**Organization:** Cuyahoga County Child Support

**Location:** 1640 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44114-2908

**Phone:** (216) 443-5100

**Website:** <https://cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/child-support.aspx>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with activities listed below. Organization is particularly interested in help at the support hearings from someone who is familiar with legal jargon.

**Description of Organization:** Help mothers obtain child support, conduct community outreach presentations, accompanies mothers to support hearings and publishes newsletter.

**Organization:** Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center

**Location:** Confidential Location in Cleveland, OH

**Phone:** (216) 229-2420

**Email:** [lross@dvcac.org](mailto:lross@dvcac.org)

**Website:** <https://www.dvcac.org/volunteer>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Many Positions within the numerous services provided including Donation Assistant, Helpline Advocate, and Childcare Assistant.

**Description of Organization:** Helps parents stop and or prevent child abuse through self-help meetings. Sponsors support and education for parents. Provides information to young parents.

**Organization:** Institute for Child Advocacy

**Location:** 3615 Superior Ave E, Bldg. 31  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 431- 6070

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work on special projects concerning system reform.

**Description of Organization:** Seeks to improve the systems that serve children, particularly those who have been abused, neglected, dependent, or have been placed in foster care. Engages in administrative negotiations and some litigation and lobbying.

**Organization:** Summit County CASA

**Location:** 650 Dan St.

Akron, OH 44310

**Phone:** (330) 643-2928

**Email:** [sharvan@cpcout.summitoh.net](mailto:sharvan@cpcout.summitoh.net)

**Website:** <http://summitcasagal.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work as a court appointed special advocate researching and investigating cases for Summit County Courts.

**Description of Organization:** Seeks to provide advocates for children in need, until they receive safe, permanent, and nurturing homes.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Organization:** American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio

**Location:** 4506 Chester Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Phone:** (216) 472-2200

**Email:** [contact@acluohio.org](mailto:contact@acluohio.org)

**Website:** <http://www.acluohio.org/takeaction/VolunteerOpportunities.asp>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, Work Study

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Follow the application instructions on each posting

**Responsibilities of Students:** Complaint analysis with memoranda and oral briefing of attorneys; briefs; lobbying; client interviews; media communication.

**Description of Organization:** Provides legal services to protect individuals' constitutional rights. Serves to protect, defend and expand constitutional rights and civil liberties by litigation, legislative action and public education.

**Organization:** American Jewish Committee

**Location:** 1422 Euclid Ave # 625  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 781- 6035

**Email:** [Cleveland@ajc.org](mailto:Cleveland@ajc.org)

**Website:**

<http://www.ajccleveland.org/site/c.bsIRI5NGKdK0F/b.8505661/k.BDA1/Home.htm>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist in office and participate in civil liberties issues.

**Description of Organization:** Works toward the betterment of both Jews and non-Jewish communities of Cleveland. Combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of Jews at home and abroad, and seeks improved human relations for all people.

**Organization:** Anti- Defamation League Cleveland

**Location:** 50 Public Square #1702  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 579-9600

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Website:** <http://cleveland.adl.org/>

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work with volunteer attorneys.

**Description of Organization:** Functions as an international human relations agency to end the defamation of Jews, and secures justice and fair treatment for all people. Involved in inter-group relations and combating racism.

**Organization:** Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Ohio (AACCESS)

**Location:** 11555 Lorain Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

**Phone:** (216) 252-2900

**Email:** [info@aaccess-ohio.org](mailto:info@aaccess-ohio.org)

**Website:** [www.aaccess-ohio.org](http://www.aaccess-ohio.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Provide information and referral, assist with completing forms.

**Description of Organization:** Helps to meet economic, social, and cultural needs while promoting understanding of Arab cultures and integration of Arab Americans into the mainstream of American life. Works toward the eliminations of all forms of discrimination.

**Organization:** Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association

**Location:** 3843 Payne Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 881-6999

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L, Bilingual preferred

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help with research, planning, and development of programs.

**Description of Organization:** Provides culturally specific programs to elderly Asian Americans in the Greater Cleveland area.

**Organization:** U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

**Location:** 1240 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 3001  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

**Phone:** (216) 522-2001,

**Email:** <https://www.eeoc.gov/field/cleveland/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, Interns

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** December for Summer Positions

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with the investigation and litigation of employment discrimination.

**Description of Organization:** Investigates, conciliates, and litigates suspected cases of discrimination in employment due to race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, or regarding equal pay.



**Organization:** Friedman and Gilbert

**Location:** 600 Standard Bldg  
1370 Ontario St.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 452-9856

**Email:** <http://www.friedmanandgilbert.com/>

**Type of Positions:** Full time during the summer and 15-20 hours during the school year

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L (1Ls preferred)

**When to Apply:** January/ February for summer positions

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research, drafting and filing motions and briefs. Students are able to follow a case from beginning to end.

**Description of Organization:** Small firm including 2 partners and a legal secretary. Handle criminal and civil rights cases.

**Organization:** Hard Hatted Women

**Location:** 3043 Superior Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 861-6500

**Email:** [info@hardhattedwomen.org](mailto:info@hardhattedwomen.org)

**Website:** <http://www.hardhattedwomen.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** Anyone

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Provide support and information concerning sexual harassment and job discrimination issues.

**Description of Organization:** Works on behalf of women in, or seeking, blue-collar nontraditional jobs. Supports a 24 hour Resources Hotline and support group meetings. Has a Pre- Apprenticeship Training Program and an Equal; Employment Opportunity Monitoring Project. Promotes wider opportunities and economic development for women. Advocates equity in recruitment, training, and hiring policies.

**Organization:** Lake Erie Native American Council

**Location:** P.O. Box 110632  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

**Phone:** (216) 375-7613

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Erie-Native-American-Council-205087776199922/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** Anyone

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist on freedom of religion issues.

**Description of Organization:** Works to strengthen Native American values, traditions, and philosophies; protect indigenous religious freedom and ensure that ceremonies and traditions continue; establish a support network.

**Organization:** LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 6600 Detroit Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44102

**Phone:** (216) 651-5428

**Website:** <http://www.lgbtcleveland.org/>

**Email:** [EEady@lgbtcleveland.org](mailto:EEady@lgbtcleveland.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Various opportunities including, Front Desk Volunteer, Cyber Center Volunteer, Media Curator, and Youth and Adult Program Volunteer.

**Description of Organization:** Provides information, referral, and support services. Has a hotline service, a resource center, and archives.

**Organization:** National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

**Location:** 16400 Miles Ave. Cleveland, OH 44128  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**Phone:** (216) 231- 6260

**Website:** <http://clevelandnaacp.org/>

**Email:** [information@clevelandnaacp.org](mailto:information@clevelandnaacp.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist in processing complaints.

**Description of Organization:** Seeks to resolve complaints of racial discrimination in housing, employment, education and other areas.

**Organization:** National Organization for Women (NOW) Greater Cleveland

**Location:** No current regional office

**Phone:** (216) 338-2161

**Website:** <http://www.greaterclevelandnow.org/>

**Email:** [greaterclevelandnow@gmail.com](mailto:greaterclevelandnow@gmail.com)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with legislative reform through advocacy, lobbying, and publicity. Many opportunities to work in a variety of social concerns.

**Description of Organization:** Advocates on behalf of women and for social change at the local, state, and national levels. Provides information about civil rights and women's issues. Fights discrimination against women in areas of credit, health, childcare, employment, education, and reproductive freedom. Actively opposes violence against women.

**Organization:** Ohio Civil Rights Commission  
**Location:** 615 West Superior Ave., Suite 885  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Or

161 S. High Street, Suite 205  
Akron, OH 44308

**Phone:** (216) 787- 3150 (Cleveland)  
(330) 643-3100 (Akron)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, Internships, work study

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** For internships or work-study, apply January/ February. Can apply for volunteer positions at anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with litigation of discrimination cases.

**Description of Organization:** Investigates charges of discrimination based on race, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or marital status in cases involving employment, credit, housing or public accommodation.

**Organization:** Organization of Chinese Americans of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 1419 E. 40<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cleveland, OH 44103

**Phone:** (216) 236-3946

**Website:** <http://ocagc.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L, Some knowledge of Chinese is preferred.

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Monitor civil rights issues.

**Description of Organization:** Works to observe and preserve Chinese tradition and educate the community as to the most effective ways of dealing with mainstream culture, and to ensure that civil rights of Chinese and Asian Americans are observed.

**Organization:** Spanish- American Committee

**Location:** 4407 Lorain Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 961-2100

**Website:** <http://www.spanishamerican.org/>

**Email:** [sac@spanishamerican.org](mailto:sac@spanishamerican.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L, Must be bilingual

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help with information and referral and crisis intervention.

**Description of Organization:** Services the Greater Cleveland Hispanic Community with information and referral, counseling and crisis intervention, employment assistance, education assistance, and day care. Advocates on behalf of Hispanic issues.

**Organization:** Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education

**Location:** U.S. Department of Education

1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 325

Cleveland, OH 44115

**Phone:** (216) 522-4970, fax (216) 522- 2573

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, internships, work- study

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L,

**When to Apply:** January/ February for summer, anytime for volunteers

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with litigation of civil rights issues concerning education in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

**Description of Organization:** Enforces the civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in education programs within Ohio and Michigan.

**Organization:** United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland Inc.

**Location:** 1621 Euclid Ave, Suite 830

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 566-9263

**Website:** <http://www.unitedblackfund.org/contact.html>

**Email:** [administrative@unitedblackfund.org](mailto:administrative@unitedblackfund.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help with issues of funding.

**Description of Organization:** Operates as a funding agency that primarily serves black programs in the Greater Cleveland area. Principal objective is to organize the human and financial resources of the black community and to develop a self sufficient economic base.

**Organization:** Urban League of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 2930 Prospect Ave

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 622-0999

**Website:** <http://ulcleveland.org/>

**Email:** [info@ucleveland.org](mailto:info@ucleveland.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, possible work study

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with research and advocacy issues.

**Description of Organization:** Enables African Americans and other minority group members to develop and exercise their full potential with other Americans. Offers counseling, job placement and development, housing, education, health, and personal finance services.

## **CONSUMER RIGHTS**

**Organization:** Better Business Bureau Inc.

**Location:** 2800 Euclid Avenue, 4th Floor  
Cleveland OH 44115-2408

**Phone:** (216) 241-7678

**Website:** <http://cleveland.bbb.org/>

**Email:** [info@cleveland.bbb.org](mailto:info@cleveland.bbb.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** August and December during school year

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist advertisers in correcting incomplete or misleading advertising.

**Description of Organization:** Provides customer experience reports on businesses and information about charities through a 24 hour “Anytime Line”. Assists in dispute resolution between customers and business through mediation and arbitration. Reviews area advertising and works with advertisers to correct misleading information. Operates “Tel- Tips”, a series of recorded telephone messages for consumers.

**Organization:** Consumer Federation of America

**Location:** 3030 Euclid Ave. Suite 105  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 881-3440

**Website:** <http://consumerfed.org/consumer-protection-association/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Provide information and referral to clients expressing a variety of consumer concerns.

**Description of Organization:** Provides counseling and information and referral to individuals and families with problems relating to money management, utilities, and the purchase of goods and services. Acts as representative for payee for clients. Conducts consumer education sessions.

**Organization:** Federal Trade Commission

**Location:** 111 Superior Ave. East Suite 200  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 263-3455

**Website:** <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/bureaus-offices/regional-offices/east-central-region> and <https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/bureaus-offices/bureau-competition/careers-bureau-competition/legal-internships-bureau>

**Email:** [webmaster@ftc.gov](mailto:webmaster@ftc.gov)

**Type of Positions:** Full time in summer, paid and volunteer positions. Some positions throughout the academic year.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** For summer positions, January through March. Semester breaks for volunteer positions. Send resume

**Responsibilities of Students:** Students intern in one of the many offices at the FTC.

**Description of Organization:** Holds jurisdiction over problems involving consumers & business people.

**Organization:** Learning Disabilities Association of Cuyahoga County

**Location:** 27999 Fairmount Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

**Phone:** (216) 581-4549

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist in supporting parent of LD Children at impartial hearings conducted with the school system. Parents are usually at a disadvantage because they do not know legal terminology and cannot afford legal representation.

**Description of Organization:** Non- profit advocacy organization designed to meet the needs of children and adults with leaning disabilities. Assist in obtaining the correct type of education, finding appropriate college programs, and changing technologies in workplace to comply with the law guaranteeing equal access.

**Organization:** Long Term Care Ombudsman

**Location:** 2800 Euclid Ave. Suite 200  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 696-2719

**Website:** <http://www.ltco.org/home1.aspx>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Will act as a volunteer ombudsman in an area nursing home.

**Description of Organization:** Works to resolve long-term care complaints in nursing homes, adult care homes, and community- based services. Advocates for systemic reforms in long-term care. Recruits, trains, and places volunteer ombudsman in area nursing homes. Provides speakers about topics relating to long-term care.

**Organization:** Hickman & Lowder Co. LPA

**Location:** 1300 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street # 1020  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 861-0360

**Website:** <http://www.hickman-lowder.com>

**Email:** [Info@Hickman-Lowder.com](mailto:Info@Hickman-Lowder.com)

**Type of Positions:** Full time during the summer and part time during the school year.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Drafting motions, conducting research, interviewing witnesses, assistance in pretrial and trial litigations, and legislative drafting.

**Description of Organization:** Litigation revolves around issues that are of concern to the elderly and those with mental disabilities.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Organization:** The Junior League of Cleveland

**Location:** 10819 Magnolia Dr.  
Beachwood, Ohio 44106

**Phone:** (216) 231-6300

**Website:** <http://www.jlcleveland.org/>

**Email:** [Deirdre.Lauer@jlcleveland.org](mailto:Deirdre.Lauer@jlcleveland.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with court watch program, which monitors the treatment of domestic violence cases in the municipal courts.

**Description of Organization:** This organization is, at present, a coalition of 14 member organizations that share the common goal of preventing violence in the home. The group sponsors public awareness campaigns and conducts legislative monitoring and advocacy.

**Organization:** The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

**Location:** The Halle Building  
1228 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

**Phone:** (216) 619-6194

**Website :** <http://www.clevelandrapecrisis.org>

**Email:** [rachels@clevelandrcc.org](mailto:rachels@clevelandrcc.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer. (Must commit to 20-24 hours monthly)

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply and How to Apply:** Send application and resume- March/April.

Interviews early May. You must complete a 40 hour training session

**Responsibilities of Students:** Face-to-Face Advocacy, or Hotline Advocacy.

**Description of Organization:** Dedicated to eliminating sexual violence – supports survivors of rape and sexual abuse while promoting healing and prevention through social change.



## **EDUCATION**

**Organization:** The Citizens League of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** P.O. Box 14702

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 533-8447

**Website:** <http://www.thecitizensleague.org>

**Email:** [admin@thecitizensleague.org](mailto:admin@thecitizensleague.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer and part time paid positions (depending on the budget)

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply and How to Apply:** Send a resume anytime ready to volunteer.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research the policy positions of the government and propose legislation.

**Description of Organization:** Nonprofit, civic organization interested in improving the quality of life. Focuses on public education.

**Organization:**           **Learning Disabilities Association of Cuyahoga County**  
(See listing under Disabled/handicapped Rights)

**Organization:**           **Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education**  
(see listing under Civil Rights)

## **ELDER LAW**

**Organization:** American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**Location:** 4614 Prospect Ave. E #211  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Phone:** (216) 881-1155

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply and How to Apply:** January for tax assistance program

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work with seniors in the tax counseling and assistance program. There is a need for bilingual volunteers.

**Description of Organization:** Promotes the needs and concerns of persons age 50 and over. Offers various assistance programs.

**Organization:** City of Cleveland Department of Aging

**Location:** 75 Erieview Plaza, 2nd floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 664-2833

**Website:** <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, full time during the summer and 15-20 hours during the school year.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Year round

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with benefits eligibility screening and counseling.

**Description of Organization:** Advocates for Cleveland residents, age 60 and over. Plans, coordinates, and provides direct services designed to increase and improve services to the elderly.

**Organization:** Cleveland Heights Office on Aging

**Location:** 40 Severance Circle  
Beachwood, Ohio 44118

**Phone:** (216) 691-7377

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Benefits eligibility assistance.

**Description of Organization:** Provides services for Cleveland Heights seniors age 60 and over. Services included outreach, chore service, legal counseling and home services.

**Organization:** Lakewood Division on Aging

**Location:** 16042 Madison Ave.  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

**Phone:** (216) 521-1515

**Website:** <http://www.onelakewood.com/findget/programs-for-seniors/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, Part time throughout the year.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Applications are taken throughout the year.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Benefits eligibility assistance.

**Description of Organization:** Volunteers can assist volunteer attorneys, assist with forms and provide assistance in finding community resources.

**Organization:** **Hickman & Lowder Co. LPA**  
(see listing Disabled/Handicapped Rights)

## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**Organization:** City of Cleveland Health Department

**Location:** 75 Erieview Plaza  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 664-2324

**Website:** <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, possible work-study or internship if money is available.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** August for fall semester, December for spring semester

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work with attorneys investigating pollution complaints.

**Description of Organization:** Responsible for air quality management, childhood leading poisoning prevention, and environmental health services. Investigates air pollution compliance for all of Cuyahoga County.

**Organization:** Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Location:** 2100 E. Aurora Rd.  
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

**Phone:** (330) 963-1200

Call the Ohio EPA Legal Office (614) 644-2160 for information on available internships

**Website:** <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/>

**Type of Positions:** Paid internships

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L (preference given to 2L and 3L students)

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Draft enforcement documents and memoranda on legal issues.

**Description of Organization:** Ensures compliance with environmental laws to help protect the environment and public health.

## HOMELESSNESS

**Organization:** Cleveland Food Bank

**Location:** 1550 S. Waterloo Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

**Phone:** (216) 738-2265

**Website:** <http://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/>

**Email:** [hr@clevelandfoodbank.org](mailto:hr@clevelandfoodbank.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, Unpaid Intern

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Fall

**Responsibilities of Students:** Various staff positions

**Description of Organization:** Organization which coordinates a community wide food drive each spring.

**Organization:** Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH)

**Location:** 3631 Perkins Ave #3A-3  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 432-0540

**Website:** <http://www.neoch.org/>

**Email:** [neoch@neoch.org](mailto:neoch@neoch.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Various volunteer positions including assisting with *The Cleveland Street Chronicle*, assisting with homeless voter registration, and clerical support.

**Description of Organization:** This organization is a community change agent addressing the needs of homeless people in Northeast Ohio. Facilitates the operation of a regional network of shelters and related services through advocacy, public education, and technical assistance. Publishes *The Cleveland Street Chronicle* —a newspaper sold by homeless vendors.

**Organization:** Office of Homeless Services

**Location:** 310 W. Lakeside Ave. # 595  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 420-6844

**Website:** <http://ohs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/home.aspx>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Call or write to see if arrangements can be made for following semester or for summer employment.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work on planning for citywide services to be provided to the homeless.

**Description of Organization:** Provides strategic planning, program planning, coordination, and evaluation of resources serving homeless persons.

## **HOUSING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Organization:** City of Cleveland Department of Community Development

**Location:** 601 Lakeside Ave Room 320  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 664-4000

**Website:**

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/CommunityDevelopment>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, possibly paid positions in summer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research building and housing codes.

**Description of Organization:** Administers the annual disbursement of Community Development Block Grant funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an effort to eliminate blight, prevent property deterioration, and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of Cleveland residents.

**Organization:** Cleveland Heights Housing Preservation Office

**Location:** 40 Severance Circle  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

**Phone:** (216) 291-4869

**Website:** <http://www.clevelandheights.com/index.aspx?page=448>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work with office attorney counseling homeowners as to how to maintain Cleveland Heights housing.

**Description of Organization:** Offers counseling services about home foreclosure, violations and maintenance.

**Organization:** Cleveland Housing Network

**Location:** 2999 Payne Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Phone:** (216) 574-7100

**Website:** <http://www.chnnet.com/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, and 3L; prefers student with some background in accounting

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work with single income families seeking to purchase homes.

**Description of Organization:** Provides home ownership opportunities for low-income families through a long-term lease/purchase program, and for low to moderate income families through Homeward, a market rate housing program.

**Organization:** Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

**Location:** 11327 Shaker Blvd. Suite 500W  
Cleveland, Ohio 44014

**Phone:** (216) 830-2770

**Website:** <http://www.clevelandnp.org/cleveland-cdcs/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work as support for technical assistance through the main programs.

**Description of Organization:** Serves as an umbrella organization for community development corporations. Advocates a community based developments position on local state and national issues. Featured initiatives: LiveCLEVELAND; Racial Equity & Inclusion; Reimagining Cleveland; Retail Spaces Cleveland; Climate Resiliency; and Community Financial Centers.

**Organization:** Cleveland Tenants Organization

**Location:** 3631 Perkins Ave. # 3A-4  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 432-0617

**Website:** <http://www.clevelandtenants.org/>

**Email:** [gkatz@clevelandtenants.org](mailto:gkatz@clevelandtenants.org)

**Type of Positions:** Depends on the amount of money available. Offer part time, full time, and volunteer positions. They are all 10 week internships. Work study accepted.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** January/ February for summer positions.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Answer questions over the phone concerning landlord tenant law. After some time students help to organize tenants to ensure that their rights are not violated.

**Description of Organization:** Provide information for tenants and landlords about their rights and responsibilities and help them negotiate differences. Advocates for tenants at the local, state, and national level. Runs an Eviction Diversion program to combat homelessness in Cuyahoga County.

**Organization:** Front Steps Housing and Services

**Location:** 1545 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 781-2250

**Website:** <http://www.frontstepsservices.org/>

**Email:** [info@frontstepsservices.org](mailto:info@frontstepsservices.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime -- submit a resume and then call to get an interview.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help residents through the system and inform them of their rights. Typical case involves helping a young mother regain child custody and fight against an illegal eviction. Could use law students to give a workshop on landlord-tenant law and health care issues.

**Description of Organization:** Provides permanent supportive housing and life-long solutions to individuals and families who are mentally disabled and/or economically disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County. Many residents are indigent and in need of legal assistance.

**Organization:** Progressive Action Council - Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

**Location:** 6001 Woodland Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44104

**Phone:** (216) 432-5536

**Website:** <https://www.cmha.net/aboutus/pac.aspx>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, some work study, a possibility, depending on funding.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** December for summer positions, anytime for volunteer positions.

**Responsibilities of Students:** information and referral for CMHA residents. Negotiate housing problems.

**Description of Organization:** Serves as an umbrella organization of tenant councils from CHHA estates. Works to strengthen relationships between residents and management. Negotiates with CMHA to resolve housing problems. Links tenants with social services provides in the community.



## **IMMIGRATION**

**Organization:** International Institute of Akron

**Location:** 207 East Tallmadge Avenue

Akron, OH 44310

**Phone:** (330) 376-5106

**Website:** <http://iiakron.org/>

**Email:** [ivolunteer@iiakron.org](mailto:ivolunteer@iiakron.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer and internships available

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Law student interns have assisted with research on immigration laws and policies.

**Description of Organization:** A non-profit agency welcoming new Americans to the Akron community.

**Organization:** Margaret W. Wong & Assoc. Co. LPA

**Location:** 3150 Chester Ave

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 566-9908

**Website:** [www.imwong.com](http://www.imwong.com)

**Type of Positions:** Part time during the school year and full time during the summer.

**Who Should Apply:** 2L, 3L with experience in immigration law.

**When to Apply:** Anytime after completing first year of law school.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Prepare immigrant, non-immigrant, employment based, family, and asylum visas. Meet with clients and conduct interviews. Prepare briefs and memos regarding deportation and exclusion cases.

**Description of Organization:** Immigration and naturalization private practice.

**Organization:** Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

**Location:** 1223 West 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 861-5888

**Website:** <http://www.lasclev.org/index.html>

**Type of Positions:** Externships; full time summer positions; as needed year round clinic positions.

**Who Should Apply:** 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** January for the summer positions. Anytime for clinic positions.

**Responsibilities of Students:**

Full time positions and externships: Research. Drafting, and filing motions and briefs. Able to follow cases from beginning to end.

As needed positions: Volunteer work assisting clients in filling out paperwork at one day clinics.

**Description of Organization:** Provides legal services to those who cannot afford counsel. There is a specialized immigration clinic held monthly, as well as other opportunities.

**Organization:** U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Cleveland Office

**Location:** 815 Superior Avenue East, Suite 100  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Phone:** (216) 781-4560

**Website:** <http://refugees.org/field-office/cleveland/>

**Email:** [information@internationalservicescenter.org](mailto:information@internationalservicescenter.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer, can be completed as an externship

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** There are a variety of positions available including legal support; teaching life skills, English, job search skills, or public transportation navigation; and reading tutors.

**Description of Organization:** Represents immigrants before the Immigrants Service in all types of immigration matters, runs a school that teaches English as a second language, provides translation and interpretation services in immigration proceedings, and runs an outreach program into the ethnic communities to let them know of changes in immigration law.

## **PUBLIC DEFENSE**

**Federal:** Office of Federal Public Defender

**Location:** 1660 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. #750  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 522-4856

**County:** Cuyahoga County Public Defender

**Location:** 310 Lakeside Ave # 400  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 443-7223

**City:** Legal Aid of Cleveland

**Location:** 1223 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 621-5980  
(see listing under Legal Aid)

## **REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE/FAMILY PLANNING/FAMILY**

**Organization:** Adoption Network

**Location:** 4614 Prospect Ave. # 550  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**Phone:** (216) 325-1000

**Website:** <http://www.adoptionnetwork.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Help adult adopts in search of their birthparents.

**Description of Organization:** A support and search organization for adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents.

**Organization:** NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio

**Location:** 1200 Shaker Blvd.  
Cleveland, OH 44120

**Phone:** (216) 283-2184

**Website:** <http://www.prochoiceohio.org/>

**Email:** [volunteer@prochoiceohio.org](mailto:volunteer@prochoiceohio.org)

**Type of Positions:** Unpaid internship

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research current law and proposed federal changes. Collect, document, and analyze data. Coordinate constituents in a specific district.

**Description of Organization:** Committed to developing and sustaining a constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding reproductive choices.

**Organization:** Planned Parenthood of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 7997 Euclid Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44103

**Phone:** (216) 851-1880

**Website:** <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/greater-ohio/>

**Email:** [Getinvolved@ppoh.org](mailto:Getinvolved@ppoh.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research current law and proposed federal changes. Prepared legislative advocacy.

**Description of Organization:** Operates as a resource center for reproductive health information. Offers comprehensive contraceptive and family planning services. Provides referrals for prenatal care, adoption and abortion.

**Organization:** Right to Life Society of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 4427 State Rd  
Cleveland, Ohio 44109

**Phone:** (216) 661-3000

**Website:** <http://www.clevelandrighttolife.org/>

**Email:** [lifenews@clevelandrighttolife.org](mailto:lifenews@clevelandrighttolife.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Special projects in advocacy and education.

**Description of Organization:** Informs and educates public about respect for all human life. Supports civil and human rights of all, especially the unborn, disabled, aged and those unable to defend themselves.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Organization:** City of Cleveland Community Relations Board

**Location:** 601 Lakeside Ave Room 11  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 664-3290

**Website:**

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/CommunityRelationsBoard>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work on various neighborhood concerns, such as crime and neighborhoods disputes. Assist with investigating racially or religiously motivated acts of violence or intimidation.

**Description of Organization:** Promotes amicable relations among different racial, religious, and cultural groups. Works to eliminate discrimination and conditions that strain inter-group relations.

**Organization:** Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland

**Location:** 7800 Detroit Ave  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**Phone:** (216) 939-3851

**Website:** <http://ccdacle.org/social-action>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Work on educational programs and organizing legislative action teams.

**Description of Organization:** This organization serves as the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's resource discrimination, poverty and economic justice, peace and international concerns.

**Organization:** Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 1801 Superior Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Phone:** (216) 696-9077

**Website:** <http://www.ceogc.org/>

**Type of Positions:** Mostly volunteer, some paid, depending on student's experience and organization funding.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** early in the semester

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with advocacy issues concerning poverty in Cleveland.

**Description of Organization:** Plans coordinates, and implements programs to increase opportunities for victims of poverty and for the prevention of poverty. Provides services

through Head Start, Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program, Housing Assistance Program, Rental Bank, Community Services Block Grants, Neighborhood Opportunity Centers, adult basic education, and employment and training.

**Organization:** The Centers for Families and Children

**Location:** 19 locations throughout Greater Cleveland

**Phone:** (216) 302-3340

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L, opportunities for bilingual volunteers.

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Volunteer in various positions.

**Description of Organization:** Provides programs and services to low income residents in the form of career development; early learning centers; health and wellness; and family centers.

**Organization:** Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice

**Location:** Cleveland, OH 44121

**Phone:** (216) 381-1372

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 3L

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** assist with organizing meetings, demonstrations, and legislative lobbying.

**Description of Organization:** This is Cleveland's branch of The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, a multi-issue social action group that specializes in mobilizing concerned citizens.