Volunteer Position: Family Law Legal Intern/Extern

Start Date: Fall 2018 or Spring 2019, date to be arranged

Reports To: Judy Lin, Family Law Senior Managing Attorney

Salary: unpaid but willing to sponsor for academic credit

Program Description:
The Family Law Programs of the King County Bar Association’s Pro Bono Services promote family safety and equal access to the legal system by assisting domestic violence survivors, children at risk of abuse or neglect, and clients facing barriers to accessing the courts due to language, disability, and other factors. The Kinship Care Solutions program provides pro bono representation in nonparental custody actions, and the Self-Help Plus program provides pro se assistance in uncontested dissolutions and parenting plan actions. Many of the cases that are handled help unaccompanied children from Central America and other countries who have been abused, neglected or abandoned by a parent and who may be eligible for protective immigration relief called Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). The programs assist caregivers and family law members with family law actions in order to obtain court findings that may be used in the SIJS process.

General Duties:
• Interview and screen clients for eligibility.
• Gather factual information regarding a case and assemble relevant documents for potential family law representation or pro se assistance.
• Draft legal pleadings.
• Assist clients with pro se filings and provide information about the family law process as needed.
• Maintain client records and files.

Time Commitment: A minimum of 10 hours/week for 10 weeks or for the duration of the school term.

Qualifications: Second or third year law student, law school graduate, or certified paralegal. Experience working with survivors of domestic violence or other people in crisis is preferred. Bilingual Spanish is highly desired. Must have a strong interest in family law and immigrant rights.
**Benefits:** This position will provide experience in practical legal skills such as client interviewing, legal issue spotting, case development, and working with immigrant clients. In addition, the intern will learn substantive and procedural aspects to family law practice and exposure to immigration law. This position is unpaid but can be sponsored for academic credit if available through the student’s school.

**Trainings:** Training is provided in the substantive legal areas relevant to the internship. Supervision is provided by the Managing Attorneys of the Family Law programs.

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