



LEGAL INTERN POSITION

Atlanta Metro Area, Georgia, hybrid/remote

10-15 hours per week, \$18 per hour

Fall 2026

[Southern Legal Center for Youth](#) (SLCY) seeks a passionate and collaborative Legal Intern, committed to social justice and anti-racism, to support our efforts to provide direct representation to young people in the Atlanta Metro Area. Applicants should be law students based in the Atlanta metro area with internet access, a computer, and a phone.

Work will include, but is not limited to: intakes and client interviews, assessing client needs, investigation and research, coordination of Legal Clinics, and providing administrative support. The common legal issues that SLCY handles are: landlord tenant/evictions, minor guardianships, orders of protection, emancipations, trancies, navigating child welfare systems, vital documents, record-sealing, immigration, name and gender marker changes, identity theft and credit counseling, and public benefits.

The Intern is joining SLCY at a pivotal time in our development and growth. They will have an opportunity to bring their unique perspectives and experiences to the ongoing development of our legal aid nonprofit, which is the first of its kind in Georgia. The Intern will also be able to engage in exciting legal conversations that have a national impact. Through our Shelter Rights Project and partnership with the National Homelessness Law Center, we are the only legal aid organization in the South fighting for young people's due process rights in shelter and housing programs, which is a novel area of the law.

COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY, EQUITY AND REPRESENTATION:

SLCY is an equal opportunity employer committed to having a diverse staff and board reflective of the communities we serve. We strongly encourage applications from people of color, those with lived experience, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and other underrepresented and historically marginalized groups. SLCY particularly values lived experience in child welfare, the criminal legal system, and youth homelessness.

INTERN DUTIES:

The Legal Intern will undertake a range of duties including, but not limited to:

- Answer intake calls and emails regarding youth seeking legal assistance
- Conduct trauma-informed intakes and client interviews (once trained to do so)
- Assist the SLCY attorney in researching a wide variety of civil legal matters, including, but not limited to: immigration, family law, child welfare, education, no contact orders, vital documents, benefits, emancipation, guardianship, consumer debt and landlord tenant issues. Research may also include local court rules and procedures, or system issues
- Under supervision of a licensed attorney, staff cases, problem-solve, develop case strategies, and identify trends and systemic barriers
- Create and maintain standardized operating procedures for client services and volunteer/pro bono attorney engagement and onboarding

- Conduct outreach to law firms and other relevant stakeholders
- Create content for and update SLCY's subject matter legal resources
- Participate in training on topics such as child welfare, juvenile court, youth homelessness, special immigrant juvenile status, anti-racism, and trauma-informed care
- Organize and staff our Gender-Affirming Legal Care™ legal name change clinics and other clinics as needed
- Support with administrative duties relating to providing high quality legal representation to our clients
- Represent SLCY at community events, including regular community meetings and tabling at schools and other resource fairs
- Participate in weekly meetings with the SLCY Attorney and other student attorneys
- Accurately track time and activities spent as a Legal Intern, reporting out weekly

QUALIFICATIONS:

This position may require occasional in-person visits to clients and Board Members and attendance at events, trainings, or court proceedings in the Atlanta Metro Area, so applicants must live in the Atlanta Metro Area.

- Enrolled student at an accredited law school (part-time students are also welcome)
- Ability to commit to working at least 10 hours per week during fall 2026
- Reliable access to the internet, a computer, and a phone
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and LGBTQ+ rights
- Passion for SLCY's mission of protecting the interest and safety of youth in Georgia by advancing their legal rights
- Interest and ability in working with youth and families of diverse racial, cultural, socio-economic backgrounds
- Ability to be flexible, innovative, and adapt to a fast-moving environment that changes constantly
- Ability or commitment to learning how to effectively communicate legal concepts, options and potential outcomes in a developmentally appropriate manner with youth.
- Ability to work professionally with youth and develop a relationship of trust and confidence
- Ability to work under supervision and respond to training
- Ability to work independently and be self-motivated in a remote environment
- Commitment to learning about and addressing racism at an individual, organizational, and systems level
- Ability to handle high-stress situations and show appropriate empathy and concern for clients
- Fluency in Spanish and candidates under 24 years of age who have lived experience in the child welfare/foster care or criminal legal system, or with homelessness or housing instability are highly regarded
- Required to pass a background check for working with minors

COMPENSATION:

The Legal Intern will be compensated at a rate of \$18 per hour.

ABOUT SLCY:

[Southern Legal Center for Youth](#) (SLCY) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Atlanta. Our mission is to support the health, safety, stability, and education of young people in the Southern United States by advancing their legal rights. SLCY's ultimate vision is that all young people in the South have their legal needs met so that they can secure housing, education, healthcare, and other benefits and resources they need for stability.

SLCY was created to help young people harness the law as they navigate complex systems that were not built for them. We work with our partners to help young people get ahead of legal issues by

providing proactive and person-centered legal representation. We are an innovative organization and the first legal aid organization focused on young people in GA.

We are unique because we meet youth where they already are: geographically, developmentally, emotionally, and culturally. We collaborate with youth, family members, educators, service providers, and other community partners to ensure that legal and non-legal needs of young people are met.

TO APPLY:

Please submit a one page maximum letter of interest (as described below), a resume, brief writing sample (no more than 5 pages), and a list of three references to Executive Director, Liz Harding Chao (she/they) via email at liz@slcy.org

For your application to be considered, include a response to the following question in your cover letter: Why do young people experiencing homelessness or housing instability need attorneys?

Your cover letter should reflect your own words, experiences, and genuine interest in this role. Applications that appear AI-generated will not be considered.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt. We hope to hold interviews on Tuesday, August 4, so early submission is recommended.