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LAW STUDENT UNION SUMMER

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Law Student Union Summer (LSUS) is a unique and exciting 10-week internship for law students that combines front-line labor-related public interest legal work with grassroots organizing in real, ongoing campaigns by AFL-CIO affiliated unions throughout the country.

In addition to legal research and writing, LSUS interns are involved in community outreach, member mobilization, corporate and other non-legal research, legislative campaigns and general litigation. Responsibilities may include interviewing workers and drafting memorandum with factual and legal analysis in connection with presenting evidence to the National Labor Relations Board in unfair labor practice investigations and administrative hearings or to similar state public sector agencies. Labor-related public interest work may be performed in connection with issues that may arise during organizing or contract campaigns, such as: wage and hour violations, discrimination claims, immigration issues, environmental regulatory actions, whistle-blower protections, and/or others. Organizing activities, including canvassing, planning and implementing solidarity-building activities and participating in meetings and home visits, are another primary component of the program. Travel may be required; work will vary from placement to placement; students may be based in an organizing office, local union, national union headquarters or law firm.

Interns work on-site, at locations throughout the country [NOT in Washington, D.C.]. The weekly stipend is $600 and transportation and housing are provided. Interns are supervised by attorneys and union organizers. The 10-week program starts May 31, 2016, and runs through August 5, 2016.

Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the practice of labor-related public interest law and may be first or second year students; students who have taken one or more labor law courses and those who have experience in organizing and/or community activism are preferred.

To apply, you must submit an application, cover letter [see application for requirements], résumé, writing sample, law school transcript [may be unofficial], and current contact information for three references [preferably a combination of academic and/or work/internship-related]. Send your application materials to AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer:

E-Mail: Lsus@aflcio.org;
Mail: AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer
815 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20006; Phone: 202-637-5385
Application deadline: Oct. 19, 2015 for 2Ls and January 15, 2016 for 1Ls