

# **NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC INTEREST DIRECTORY**

**\*as of September 2012**

## AIDS

**Organization:** AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

**Location:** 4700 Prospect Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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

**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, from providing housing to information for PWAs and those individual who are HIV positive.

**Organization:** The Free Clinic

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

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

**Email:** [beavolunteer@thefreeclinic.org](mailto:beavolunteer@thefreeclinic.org)

**Website:** [www.thefreeclinic.org](http://www.thefreeclinic.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:** Number of projects involving Outreach Workers, such as syringe Exchange Program.

**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.

**Organization:** Stopping AIDS is My Mission (SAMM)

**Location:** University Hospitals of Cleveland  
11001 Cedar Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106

**Phone:** (216) 844- 6899

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist in phases of programs and outreach.

**Description of Organization:** Targets AIDS education programs to minority and indigent youths and young adults.

## **ANIMAL RIGHTS**

**Organization:** Cleveland Animal Protective League

**Location:** 1729 Wiley Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44113

**Phone:** (216) 377-1627

**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:** Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center

**Location:** Shaker West Professional Bldg.

11811 Shaker Blvd, # 220

Cleveland, Ohio 44120

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

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

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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Many Positions within the numerous services provided.

**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:** Cuyahoga County Child Support

**Location:** 1640 Superior Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44114-2908

**Phone:** (216) 263- 4500

**Website:** <http://csea.cuyahogacounty.us/>

**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:** Guardian Ad Litem Project

**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:** Institute for Child Advocacy

**Location:** 3615 Superior Ave, 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.

## CIVIL RIGHTS

**Organization:** American Civil Liberties Union

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

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

**Emial:** [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:** Send Resume

**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

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

**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:** American Jewish Congress

**Location:** 23715 Mercantile Rd.  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

**Phone:** (216) 464- 5244

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist volunteer lawyers with legal problems of the indigent.

**Description of Organization:** Fights anti- Semitism and other forms of bigotry through legal process. Defends rights of minorities against discrimination. Protects religious liberties and separation of church and state. Promotes welfare of Jewish poor and Jewish aged. Conducts legal counseling services for the indigent.

**Organization:** Anti- Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

**Location:** 50 Public Square #1904  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**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:** Kirschenbaum Co., LPA

1919 East 13<sup>th</sup> St.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216) 621-0890

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research and drafting and filing motions

**Description of Organization:** Civil rights litigation

**Organization:** Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners

**Location:** 1219 Ontario St. 4<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 443-7178

**Email:** [infoadmin@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:infoadmin@cuyahogacounty.us)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

**Who Should Apply:** 3L preferred

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Students are encouraged to focus on an area of their choice; duties vary accordingly.

**Description of Organization:** Department handles all labor and employment relations issues regarding employees of the Board of County Commissioners. Litigation is managed in house on matters including unemployment, workers' compensation, Title VII, etc., also handles employee and discipline complaints, staff development, dispute resolution, grievance administration, contract negotiation, employee assistance programs, management training in personnel matters, orientation training, etc.

**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:** <http://www.eeoc.gov/cleveland/index.html>

**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:** 4415 Euclid Ave. Suite 301

Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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

**Email:** [info@hardhattedwomen.org](mailto:info@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 620054

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**Phone:** (216) 883- 8408

**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:** [info@LGBTcleveland.org](mailto:info@LGBTcleveland.org)

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Monitor the Hate Crimes Program. Work with victims of anti- gay violence and/or harassment..

**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:** 2131 Stokes Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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

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

**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:** (330) 336-2578 or (216) 543-6238

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

**Email:** [greaterclevelandnow@yahoo.com](mailto:greaterclevelandnow@yahoo.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

**Phone:** (216) 787- 3150

**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:** 1265 W 106th Street

Cleveland, OH, 44102

**Phone:** (216) 539-4634

**Website:** <http://www.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

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

600 Superior Ave East Suite 750

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**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, Michigan, and Indiana.

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

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

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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

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

**Email:** [infor@ubf.org](mailto:infor@ubf.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 Protection Association

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

**Phone:** (216) 881-3434

**Website:** <http://www.cpa3030.org/>

**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:** <http://www.ftc.gov>

**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:** Assist consumers with mail order, credit reporting, and debt collection problems. Respond to telephone inquired and written consumer complaints: Holds jurisdiction over problems involving consumers and business people.

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

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

**Location:** 5360 Brook Park  
Cleveland, Ohio 44134

**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>

**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:** Rape Crisis Center

**Location:** The Leader Building  
526 Superior Avenue, Suite 1400  
Cleveland, OH 44114

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

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

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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer. (Must commit to certain number of hours)

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

**When to Apply and How to Apply:** Send application and resume- March/April.  
Interviews early May. 36 hours training session in June

**Responsibilities of Students:** Hospital advocacy: meet rape victims at the hospital and follow their cases through to trial, giving advice and support. Direct services: interact with women at center and work on hotlines.

## **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.

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.

**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) 291-2736

**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. 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

**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 Public Interest Center for the Ohio EPA (614) 644-2160 for information on available internships

**Website:** <http://www.epa.ohio.gov>

**Type of Positions:** Internships

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist with below activities

**Description of Organization:** Responsible for writing and enforcing permits, state laws, and codes regarding environmental protection for counties in northeast Ohio.

## HOMELESSNESS

**Organization:** Cleveland Food Bank

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

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

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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** in the Fall

**Responsibilities of Students:** Lots of 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:** Advocacy assistants

**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 Homeless Grapevine"—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>

**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 entitlement of 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. Enforces building and housing codes, provides housing rehabilitation loans and grants, and operates the City's Housing Construction Office.

**Organization:** Cleveland Heights Housing Preservation Office

**Location:** 40 Severance Circle

Cleveland, Ohio 44118

**Phone:** (216) 291-4900

**Website:** [http://www.clevelandheights.com/citydept\\_housing\\_housing.asp](http://www.clevelandheights.com/citydept_housing_housing.asp)

**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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

**Who Should Apply:** 1L, 2L, 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 Development Corporation

**Location:** 3751 Prospect Ave #3  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**Phone:** (216) 928-8100

**Website:** <http://www.cndc2.org/>

**Email:** [info@cndc2.org](mailto:info@cndc2.org)

**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. Provides technical assistance through five main programs: Industrial Retention and Expansion; Marketing and Communications; Educations and training; Urban Design and Planning; and Housing.

**Organization:** Cleveland Tenants Organization

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

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

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/a/clevelandtenants.org/cleveland-tenants-organization/home>

**Email:** [tao@clevelandtenants.org](mailto:tao@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. Also offer assistance in public housing situations.

**Organization:** Metropolitan Strategy Group

**Location:** 3130 Mayfield Rd. # W207  
Cleveland, Ohio 44118

**Phone:** (216) 371-4285

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Review discrimination complaints..

**Description of Organization:** Promotes fair housing legislation and greater communication and understanding among community members. Offers advice and follow up on complaints of discrimination. Provides general technical assistance to established or newly integrated communities.

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

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

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

**Website:** <http://www.cmha.net/residents/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.

**Organization:** Transitional Housing

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

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

**Website:** <http://www.transitionalhousinginc.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:** Provide transitional housing for formerly homeless women and help them get back into the economic mainstream. Many residents are indigent and in need of legal assistance.

## IMMIGRATION

**Organization:** International Services Center

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

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

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

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

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist in the activities described below.

**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.

**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:** 1L, 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:** 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:** January for the summer positions.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Research. Drafting, and filing motions and briefs. Able to follow cases from beginning to end.

**Description of Organization:** Provides legal services to those who cannot afford counsel. There is a special unit for the elderly those with disabilities.

**Organization:** City of Cleveland Prosecutor's Office

**Location:** 1200 Ontario – 8<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 443-7800

**Type of Positions:** Part time all year with flexible hours. Work study funding accepted.

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Multiple volunteer opportunities exist for students interested in juvenile justice.

**Description of Organization:** Assumes responsibility for the arraignment, adjudication, and disposition of case of unruly, delinquent, neglected, or abused children, as well as adult cases involving the well being of children, such as paternity, child support, and contributing cases. Also handles juveniles traffic cases. Dispositions may result in probation, placement, commitment to public correctional institutions, or referral to diversion programs

**Organization:** Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Services

**Location:** 310 W. Lakeside Rd. Suite #300  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**Phone:** (216) 443-7345

**Website:** <http://ja.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/wvsc-new.aspx>

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime.

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist victims and witness through the court process. Act as liaison between the individual and the prosecutor..

**Description of Organization:** Provides individual therapy services for victims of violence, with focus on domestic violence. Provides court advocacy, crisis intervention, information and referral.

## **PUBLIC DEFENSE**

**Federal:** Office of Federal Public Defender

**Location:** Skylight Office Tower # 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

**Description of Organization:** Felony, Juvenile, and Appellate Divisions



**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:** Planned Parenthood of Greater Cleveland  
**Location:** 7997 Euclid Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44103  
**Phone:** (216) 851-1880  
**Website:** <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/greater-ohio/>  
**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 humans 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:** [www.city.cleveland.oh.us](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us)

**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:** Commission on Catholic Community Action

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

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

**Website:** <http://www.parishesonline.com/Scripts/HostedSites/org.asp?p=14&ID=24735>

**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:** 1228 Euclid Ave, # 700  
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

**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. There are branches in Tremont, Hough and Glenville.

**Organization:** El Barrio

**Location:** 5209 Detroit Ave.

Cleveland, OH 44102

**Phone:** (216) 651-2037 ext. 356

**Type of Positions:** Volunteer.

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

**When to Apply:** Anytime

**Responsibilities of Students:** Assist welfare clients, secure needed information and/or make referrals..

**Description of Organization:** Provides assistance to those on welfare. Provides programs and services for the economically disadvantaged to enhance their self- esteem and help them on the path to professional and personal success.

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

**Location:** 10916 Magnolia Drive

Cleveland, OH 44106

**Phone:** (216) 231-4245

**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.