

Summer 2025 Legal Internships

The Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC) invites current 1L and 2L law students to apply with CVLC for law student internship positions for Summer 2025.

About CVLC:

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center's mission is to empower, support, and improve the lives of Connecticut Veterans by providing free legal assistance to help them overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, income, and recovery. We provide legal assistance to low-income veterans in a range of practice areas including accessing VA benefits and healthcare, fighting evictions or the loss of subsidized housing, and correcting 'bad paper' military discharges. CVLC is the first legal aid program in the country to form a medical-legal partnership with the VA. This partnership integrates legal help into VA mental health, housing, and addiction services. To better support veterans who have been excluded from VA healthcare, we also work with community-based healthcare and service providers through formal and informal partnerships. Our work occurs where veterans law intersects with economic and racial justice, human rights, and mental health to provide holistic and lasting solutions for our clients.

Internship Details:

- Law student interns will have the opportunity to explore a variety of experiences, including: client interviewing, legal research and writing, reviewing military and mental health records, advocating before administrative agencies or housing court, and engaging in policy research.
- Interns will have a hybrid working schedule, with ideally one day working with their supervising attorney from our office located in West Haven, CT. Fully remote work arrangements will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Interns will generally follow our full time staff schedule of 8:30 AM 4:30 PM with an hour lunch break. Flexible scheduling is available. Start and end dates can be set with the intern.
- This position is unpaid. CVLC will support intern applications for funding opportunities through the intern's law school or independent funding sources, including by providing letters of support.

How to Apply:

- Send a resume and cover letter to cvlc@ctveteranslegal.org. If you have a particular interest in one of our focus areas (housing, VA benefits, elder law, discharge upgrades, etc.) please let us know your preference in your cover letter.
- Final candidates will be asked to furnish three references.
- We will begin reviewing applications on December 1, and continue until all positions are filled.

Studies have shown that women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) individuals are less likely to apply for jobs unless they believe they meet every single one of the qualifications as described in a job description; despite the reality that applicants rarely ever meet 100% of the qualifications. We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive organization, and we are most interested in finding the best candidate for the role. That candidate may be one who comes from a background less traditional to our field of work, and that's okay! We strongly encourage you to apply, even if you don't believe you meet every one of the qualifications described.