Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation Legal Internship

CAASE’s direct legal services include victims’ rights advocacy within the context of the criminal justice system, civil legal representation using a variety of civil laws specific to Illinois and related to sexual assault and prostitution, and protection of the panoply of other legal rights that victims have in the context of their schooling, their workplace, and their housing. CAASE does not engage in family law or criminal defense work.

Duties

● Conduct legal research and prepare memoranda and other documents on legal issues related to the rights mentioned above.
● Analyze cases and identify legal issues as they come up in cases, and develop a working knowledge of relevant laws as they stand in the state of Illinois.
● Assist clients who are survivors of sexual violence, including by appearing at court dates, communicating directly with clients, and attending meetings with detectives and prosecutors.
● Perform other job related duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

Requirements:

● Applicant should be a law student with strong research and writing skills, a demonstrated interest in the area of gender equality, gender-based violence, or survivor's rights, and the ability to obtain a 711 license.
● Strong written and verbal communication skills.
● Highly organized and attentive to detail.
● Ability to collaborate with others, and work independently.
● Ability to maintain confidentiality of CAASE information.
● Ability to initiate and follow through with projects under a tight deadline structure.
● Excellent applied research and analytical skills, including the ability to synthesize information, and identify themes. Ability to exercise a logical and resourceful approach to evaluating and addressing problems.
● Ability to think strategically, juggle multiple priorities, adjust to changing circumstances, resolve problems creatively and logically, organize time efficiently, and remain attentive to details.
● Candidate must be committed to feminist principles, ending the perpetration of sexual exploitation in Chicago and Illinois, and to the continuing work of opposing and seeking
to end all forms of inequality, including race, sexual orientation, and gender inequality. CAASE supports the right of all people to have full access to reproductive health information and services. EOE.

Application procedure: Applications for Fall 2022 internships will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, send 1) a cover letter 2) resume and 3) information about your school’s internship requirements and funding requirements to Christina Zuba at czuba@caase.org.

About CAASE

Mission and Vision

CAASE envisions a community free from all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault and the commercial sex trade. CAASE addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Our work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services.

Values

Social and institutional systems do not adequately serve survivors of sexual violation. Sexual violation disproportionately harms people from marginalized communities, including girls and women, people of color, LGBTQ people, people with disabilities, people living in poverty, and immigrants and undocumented people. To best support survivors, CAASE confronts the inequities that fuel or intersect with sexual harm. Our dedication to this work is reflected in our values.

- **Dignity** - We respect the inherent humanity of all people and strive to expand opportunities for personal autonomy.
- **Accountability** - We answer to survivors and collaborate with allies as we seek to hold those responsible for harm accountable.
- **Progress** - We create individual, institutional and cultural change by using innovative approaches to ending sexual harm.
- **Equity** - We commit to building a world where every person, with consideration for their intersecting identities and unique circumstances, has the same access to opportunity and power.

CAASE does not discriminate against job applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, age, order of protection status, physical or mental disability, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ancestry, marital status, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military services. CAASE supports a person’s full access to reproductive health information and services.