



## 2008-2009 LAW STUDENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### **About NLS-LA's Spring and Summer externship opportunities:**

NLS-LA is a leading provider of free legal services to low-income residents of Los Angeles County with its main offices in Pacoima, Glendale and El Monte. NLS-LA has a staff of 110, including 40 lawyers, who provide legal assistance in the following areas:

Public Benefits, Housing, Family Law and Domestic Violence Prevention, Immigration, Health Care, Community Economic Development, Consumer Protection, Employment and Workers' Rights, and Environmental Justice.

NLS-LA is looking for dedicated students to work with any of these units during the summer and throughout the school year. Our spring and fall externships are based on a volunteer (or for school credit) basis only.

### **Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 clinical programs:**

NLS-LA has an extensive clinical program during the school year in addition to the summer months:

- The Self-Help Legal Access Centers are located in the courthouses in Van Nuys, Lancaster, Pomona, and San Fernando. At these self-help centers, the law clerks will provide direct assistance to *pro per* litigants in the areas of civil harassment, unlawful detainers and limited family law.
- The Domestic Abuse Self-Help (DASH) clinics (also located in the courthouses) help victims of abuse free themselves from violence. Law clerks will work in the clinics assisting domestic violence survivors prepare their Requests for Restraining Orders and related Requests for Child Custody Orders. The clinics also provide information and assistance regarding community-based services to promote healing, stability and self-sufficiency. *Summer law clerks also participate in more extensive case preparation in our El Monte and/or Pacoima offices.*

- The Worker's Rights Self Help Centers in El Monte and Pacoima provide free self-help legal assistance to low-income workers with employment-related issues. Clerks will assist workers in their pursuit of claims for unpaid wages, in appealing denials of unemployment insurance benefits, and in expunging their criminal convictions. In addition, at the centers, individuals can obtain information and referrals for problems relating to employment discrimination, retaliation, or injury on the job. *Summer law clerks also participate in more extensive case preparation in our El Monte and/or Pacoima offices.*

**Summer 2009 Program:**

NLS-LA expects to hire approximately 30 law students for the 2009 Summer Law Clerk Program. Our summer program will begin on June 1, 2009 and will continue for 10 weeks until August 7, 2009. All applications should be sent early and received no later than March 1, 2009 for full consideration. NLS-LA will accept applications after March 1, 2009, but positions and possible funding will be severely limited by that date. *For Southwestern Law School students, please note that your public interest law grant application deadline is usually in early February.*

Students are expected to apply for outside funding including public interest law grants, fellowships, and work-study. NLS-LA may be able to provide limited funding to those students who have applied but have been denied for outside funding.

Fluency in Spanish, Armenian, Mandarin, Cantonese or Korean is an on-going need, but not required.

**E-mail your resume to:**

Applicants should **e-mail** their resume and cover letter indicating the clinic, legal area or project preference(s), and dates or hours of availability to:

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NLS-LA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from people of color, women, older persons, the LGBT communities and persons with disabilities.