Organization Type: Nonprofit Organization – General
Practice Areas: Constitutional Law/First Amendment, Litigation, Non-Profit, Reproductive Rights
Number of Lawyers: 6-15

Organization Description:
The Public Policy Litigation & Law Department of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) conducts impact litigation in state and federal courts across the country, and has been lead or co-counsel in most of the major reproductive rights cases of the past 30 years. PPFA also provides strategic legal advice on legislation being considered in Congress and state legislatures and on regulatory issues at the national, state, and local levels.

PPFA is the nation’s leading women’s health care provider, educator, and advocate, serving women, men, teens, and families. Our 50+ locally governed affiliates operate approximately 650 health centers, serving the diverse needs of each community. For the last 100 years, we’ve worked tirelessly to improve women’s health and safety, prevent unintended pregnancies, and guarantee that safe and legal abortion services are available to women who need them.

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT
PUBLIC POLICY LITIGATION & LAW DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA

The Public Policy Litigation and Law Department of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) seeks 1L and 2L law student interns for its New York and Washington, D.C. offices for the summer of 2017. PPFA is open to candidates who wish to split their summer with another internship or a summer associate position.

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Our litigation docket includes federal and state court challenges to laws and policies that restrict our patients’ access to abortion, birth control and other comprehensive reproductive health services for women and men. The cases we bring are designed to protect our patients’ constitutional and statutory rights and expand their access to reproductive health services and to protect providers of those services from discrimination. Interns can expect to work closely with PPFA attorneys on a wide variety of litigation responsibilities, including legal research and analysis; drafting memoranda, pleadings, affidavits, and briefs; factual development for ongoing or developing litigation; and communicating with clients.
The internship is open to first and second year law students. Successful applicants will have enthusiasm, excellent research and writing skills, and an interest in reproductive justice, health law, racial and economic justice, and/or public interest law more generally.

Applicants are encouraged to seek outside funding for the internship. However, if you are not able to secure funding, please advise us, as PPFA may be able to provide funding.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter explaining their interest in the internship, a resume, a legal writing sample, reference contact information, and an unofficial law school transcript. If you are a 1L applicant, do not wait for grades to submit your application, but please follow up with an unofficial transcript when grades become available. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Please indicate in the subject of your email that you are applying to our internship position, and please make sure your cover letter states whether you are interested in a position in New York, D.C., or either. Diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.

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