

Tenant Justice Program Summer 2025 Legal Internships

Rising for Justice is currently accepting applications for summer legal interns to work in our Tenant Justice Program (“TJP”), which provides legal representation and counseling to low-income tenants in the District of Columbia. The program fights displacement, the consequences of poverty, homelessness, and violations of tenants’ rights.

Position Responsibilities:

Summer interns will participate on interdisciplinary teams with attorneys, social workers and paralegals to support the legal representation of TJP’s clients. Examples of potential work assignments may include:

- Conducting client and witness interviews and related investigations;
- Performing legal research and drafting related memoranda;
- Preparing pleadings and other submissions to the Landlord-Tenant Branch of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;
- Participating in community outreach and educational programs; and
- Conducting case record reviews related to impact litigation projects.

Position Qualifications:

Applicants must have completed at least one year of an accredited Juris Doctor program by the start date. Applicants should have a passion for public interest law and deep interest in pursuing a public interest career; strong academic credentials; excellent research, writing and oral communication skills; keen interpersonal skills; and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively as part of a team. Accepted candidates must make a 10-week commitment at a minimum of 20 hours per week. This is an unpaid internship opportunity, but participants will gain valuable direct legal experience.

Application Process: To apply, please email a resume and a cover letter stating your interest and qualifications to Andrew Rabinowitz at arabinowitz@risingforjustice.org. Please include “Tenant Justice Program Summer 2025 Legal Internship” in the subject line of the email. Finalists will be asked to submit writing samples and references.

Application Deadline: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible but by no later than May 12, 2025.