



TERM and SUMMER LEGAL INTERNSHIPS at NJISJ

The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice is a Newark-based non-partisan research and advocacy organization dedicated to challenging barriers that prevent New Jersey's urban areas and residents from reaching their full potential.

Established in 1999 by Alan Lowenstein, co-founder of Lowenstein Sandler PC, the Institute has been called a "social justice think *and do* tank." The Institute focuses on expanding economic opportunity, promoting regional equity, and encouraging criminal and juvenile justice reform through:

- Policy-related research and analysis;
- Wide-ranging advocacy efforts, including legal advocacy;
- Development and implementation of model programs;
- Operational partnerships with government; and
- Public education.

Some of the Institute's achievements include the first appellate court decision nationally to recognize predatory lending as a civil rights violation; the establishment of a program that prepares recent urban high school graduates to enter the construction trade unions (a program New Jersey has committed up to \$30 million to replicate statewide); a unanimous state Supreme Court ruling precluding juvenile offenders from being locked up for non-criminal offenses such as violation of curfews; the first committed effort in the state to bring together government, business, scholars and non-profits to focus on the challenges of adult and juvenile prisoner reentry; and the establishment of a transitional employment program for ex-offenders. While the Institute has a statewide perspective and is engaged in activities with national implications, many of its efforts begin in Newark, where the Institute is based. More information on the Institute can be found at www.njisj.org.

The Institute welcomes talented law students interested in summer or term-time internships. Although we are unable to provide funding, we are happy to cooperate with students seeking to obtain academic credit. The Institute is looking for students with strong writing and analytic skills, a demonstrable commitment to social justice, and an easy-going nature. A connection to New Jersey, while not essential, is a plus. Applicants should submit the following:

- An email cover letter indicating areas of special interest or experience and including an academic or employment reference;
- A resume; and
- A writing sample.

Applications for term-time internships should be submitted as soon as possible to Kelly Dougherty at kdougherty@njisj.org, with the subject line "Spring 2010 Legal Internship." Applications for summer internships should be submitted by February 1, 2010 with the subject line "Summer 2010 Legal Internship."

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