



BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT Legal Intern Program

The National Organization of Blacks In Government (BIG) is recruiting law students to serve as Legal Interns for the National Legal Review Committee. BIG seeks to encourage students to practice public sector employment discrimination law, thereby increasing the black government employee's access to quality legal representation.

These are volunteer internships that will provide students with excellent research and writing experience, and exposure to equal employment opportunity law along with other areas of law. Interns will communicate with the Legal Review Committee via email and telephone, and do not need to reside in a particular location to participate in the program.

The interns would serve under the supervision of licensed attorneys serving on the National Legal Review Committee. Interns would be required to do the following:

- Commit to serving in the program for at least 2 months in the fall, spring or summer.
- Commit to working at least 5 hours per week.
- Complete self-certifying time sheets noting the time worked.
- Sign a release providing for the publication of their material on BIG's website or in BIG's newsletter.

Interns that have completed one year of law school and know how to perform online legal research will have the opportunity to:

- Summarize cases.
- Research legal issues.
- Draft at least one position paper for publication on BIG's Online Legal Resource Center in the Attorney Resources section.
- Draft at least one article for BIG's EEO Law newsletter.

Interns that have not completed their first year of law school, or that do not know how to perform online research will have the opportunity to:

- Summarize cases.
- Draft articles regarding various legal issues for publication on BIG's Online Legal Resource Center in the Legal Resources For Non-Lawyers section.



BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (BIG) Legal Intern Application

BIG's mission is to establish and operate socio-economic, political, and cultural programs which enhance the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness for Blacks, eradicate all vestiges of unlawful treatment towards Blacks, eliminate institutionalized racism which oppresses Blacks and violates barriers to full and equal citizenship for Blacks, encourage pride and motivation in Blacks so as to promote achievement of full potential and recognition of societal contributions, sponsor a national effort to promote the well-being, education, and professional development of Blacks, and act as advocate for equal employment opportunities and conditions which affect Blacks. Applicants for the Legal Intern program must be able to support that mission.

Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in law school, or have completed at least one year of law school with an intent to return to law school;
- Have excellent research and writing skills;
- Demonstrate the potential to excel in the legal profession.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Law School _____

Year In Law School _____ Rank _____ GPA _____

Please attach a **resume** and **writing sample** and answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in this program?
2. What are your career goals?
3. Why do you want to practice law?
4. What role, if any, does community service have in the legal profession?

Please forward this application to BIG's National Legal Review Committee at 1820 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC or legal.review@bignet.org.