



**Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (BROOKLYN A)
2018 Summer Law Student Internship Opportunities:
Affirmative Litigation for Tenants Rights**

BROOKLYN A's mission is to advance social and economic justice by empowering communities through innovative, collaborative, neighborhood-based legal representation and advocacy. For over 49 years, we have provided high-quality legal assistance to individuals, families, not-for-profit community-based organizations (CBOs), community development corporations (CDCs), and coalitions interested in developing and sustaining vibrant, healthy communities.

BROOKLYN A's Group Representation Unit seeks law student interns who are interested in working with us during the Summer of 2018 to bring affirmative litigation and fair housing cases on behalf of low-income tenants in Brooklyn. Interns will work with attorneys to represent tenants and community coalitions in anti-harassment and fair housing litigation. The Group Representation Unit collaborates with a coalition of neighborhood organizations throughout North, East, and Central Brooklyn to preserve and expand affordable housing for lower income residents of those areas in the face of rapid gentrification and tenant displacement.

BROOKLYN A firmly believes that in struggles against severe residential displacement or harassment, low-income tenants are empowered when united. In order to defend the rights of our clients, preserve affordable housing, and protect our communities, our model of legal services involves a holistic, comprehensive, and innovative approach to litigation and advocacy.

Internship activities involve:

- Assisting attorneys in affirmative litigation on behalf of tenant associations confronting predatory landlords seeking to vacate their buildings, housing discrimination and exclusionary re-zonings
- Assisting attorneys with litigation in Kings County Housing Court, New York Supreme Court, and Federal Court
- Preparing witnesses for trial, arguing motions, and advocating for clients in and out of court
- Researching legal issues, drafting memos, motions and press releases
- Joining coalition efforts to collaborate with local community-based organizations
- Aiding with legislative and policy reforms.

Applications will be accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Summer 2018 internships will likely begin in late May. Interns will be expected to work 40 hours per week for a minimum of ten weeks, and will be expected to attend tenant association meetings, which usually take place in the evenings. Positions are not paid. BROOKLYN A is happy to assist students in obtaining internship funding via law schools, Equal Justice America or other organizations that are willing to fund the student.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail only, directed to internships@bka.org, and should include a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and brief writing sample. Please write "Summer 2018 Group Representation Application" in the subject line of the e-mail. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we are not able to respond to every application submitted. Applicants who are selected for an interview will be notified by e-mail.

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