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INTERNSHIP Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Project

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a worldwide network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights. We are currently seeking an intern for 6 months from October 2010 to work for the ICJ's Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Project, at the International Secretariat in Geneva.

The Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Project uses human rights law to protect people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The Project seeks to accomplish this goal through advocacy at the UN and other international and regional human rights bodies, strategic legal interventions, capacity-building and training, and research and publications.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The intern's duties will include:

- Identifying, gathering, analyzing and summarizing national court decisions related to sexual orientation and gender identity for a forthcoming publication on comparative case law;
- Translating and summarizing Spanish-language decisions where necessary;
- Arranging for translations from other languages;
- Assisting with drafting legal opinions and UN advocacy;
- Help in maintaining the SOGI database of contacts;
- Organizing distribution of SOGI legal materials;
- Assisting on SOGI-related training events;
- Other tasks as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidates will have:

- High motivation and demonstrated interest in human rights;
- Experience reading and analyzing court decisions;
- An undergraduate or masters degree in law;
- Fluency in English and Spanish;
- Excellent research and writing skills;
- The ability to work as part of a team and under deadline.

CONDITIONS

Unfortunately the ICJ is not in a position to offer any financial remuneration to interns. All interns are responsible for all expenses and costs incurred in undertaking an internship with the ICJ. On a discretionary basis the ICJ may offer a lunch allowance. The starting date of the internship is dependent on the receipt of a work permit from the Swiss authorities.

APPLICATIONS

Applications close on **30 September** and must contain your CV, an English-language writing sample (5-10 pages), a statement of interest, and the names of two references. They should be sent to: Ref: SOGI Internship

By email: allison.jernow@icj.org

Or by post: Alli Jernow, International Commission of Jurists, P.O. Box 91, 1211 Geneva 8, Switzerland

Please appreciate that due to the volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We cannot answer phone enquiries. Thank you for your understanding.