



Shared Hope International: Law Fellowship Program

Shared Hope leads ground-breaking research, provides technical assistance to elected officials and policy advocates, and equips stakeholders with promising practices from across the country to prevent and respond to child sex trafficking and protect survivors. These efforts support Shared Hope's mission to prevent and punish sex trafficking, restore victims, and bring justice for vulnerable women and children.

Law Fellows will have the opportunity to support Shared Hope in (1) providing stakeholders with timely and effective reports, surveys, and recommendations; (2) aiding state efforts to counter demand and increase survivor protections and access to specialized, trauma-informed services, and (3) leading national conversations to influence legislative change at the federal level to ensure that survivors are met with protective responses, access to justice, and empowering opportunities.

Specifically, Law Fellows will engage in intensive legal research to address cutting-edge issues in domestic minor sex trafficking. Such projects will allow the Fellow to dig into nuanced and uncharted legal waters and provide recommendations, findings, and briefs to Shared Hope's Policy Team. Literature reviews, case law research, and statutory analysis may be part of supporting larger position papers or topical research projects. Time, supervision, and support will be provided so that Law Fellows have meaningful opportunities to produce a writing sample over the course of the fellowship. Finally, Law Fellows will be encouraged to join Shared Hope staff for Capitol Hill briefings, task force meetings, and other events centered on trafficking-related issues to ensure an immersive experience.

Summer fellowships are expected to be performed on a full-time basis. Spring and fall fellowships are expected to be 10-15 hours per week.

Qualities of a Successful Law Fellow:

- Strong writing and editing skills;
- Experience in statutory analysis;
- Professionalism and high attention to detail;
- Ability to work independently and follow instructions thoroughly to uphold the integrity of all publications;
- Ability to focus and produce in a fast-paced environment, working in close proximity to colleagues;
- Ability to conduct legal research and Shepardize with LexisNexis or Westlaw;
- Ability to accurately use BlueBook citations;
- Committed interest in the issues surrounding human trafficking for sexual exploitation, especially of children;
- Experience working on issues of juvenile justice and/or child welfare preferred.

Salary:

Unpaid

Application Instructions:

Please send a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and writing sample to Ashley Cunningham at ashley@sharedhope.org.

Additional Information:

Supervision by licensed attorneys will be provided. The position is in the Washington, DC office near the Farragut North and Farragut West metro stations; however, fellowships performed remotely may be considered.

Application Deadlines:

Spring: December 1

Summer: April 1

Fall: August 1

*Note: Applications are considered on a rolling basis, so spots may fill before the date noted above.