London Sample Internship List – Law and Legal

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

The Legal field is one of the most difficult to secure placements in because so many British Law students undertake placement semesters either during or directly after their studies. Students who are applying for an internship in the law or legal arena should have excellent research and analytical skills and a demonstrable interest in the British legal or criminal justice system. It is essential that students also include details of relevant coursework and any previous experience in their application as this is a challenging field in which to secure opportunities and placements are highly competitive.

Examples of past placements (Please note that the following sites are a brief cross-section of current CAPA internship host sites and should not be considered as a guarantied location for your placement. All internship & service learning placements will be dependent upon each individual applicant's application documents, prior experiences, demonstrated skills and their aspirations and goals.)

Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association	The Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association (CMJA) is a unique international association which brings together judicial officers from over 68 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth and beyond. Interns at the CMJA have the opportunity to be involved in various high-profile projects that include conference organizing, grant writing, funding research and reviewing judicial casework related to gender and human rights issues.
Commonwealth Policy and Studies Unit	The Commonwealth Policy & Studies Unit (CPSU) is the think-tank for the Commonwealth of 53 countries. They work to inform and influence policy decisions affecting Commonwealth countries on issues such as democracy, human rights, economic development and civil society.
Institute for Criminal Policy Research	The Institute for Criminal Policy Research carries out multidisciplinary research into crime and the criminal justice system. They produce work which is independent, and objective and of the highest technical quality. ICPR's key audiences are managers and practitioners within the criminal justice system, other professionals working with offenders, and politicians and their advisors.

The Female Prisoners Welfare Project/Hibiscus	The Female Prisoners Welfare Project (FPWP) is a registered charity established in 1986 to provide support for females of all ethnic origins and nationalities within the UK criminal justice system. Hibiscus is a branch of FPWP and was set up in 1991 to address the special needs of migrant women imprisoned in the UK. The aim of Hibiscus is to provide all round, specialised support and advocacy to migrant women in prison.
The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)	The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) is an independent national voluntary organisation, campaigning for justice and combating racism in immigration and asylum law and policy. JCWI's overarching objective is to relieve poverty and hardship among immigrants and refugees by promoting their human, economic and civil rights within a framework of international human rights conventions and treaties.
The Youth Offending Service (including Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, Hammersmith & Newham)	The main purpose of the Youth Offending Service is to reduce offending by children and young people. The statutory part of the service works with children and young people aged from 10 to 18 years, who come to the attention of the police and courts because they have been involved in crime. The preventative part of the service aims to stop young people offending and becoming involved in the criminal justice system. The service provides a range of services to help and support young people, and their families, to try to stop them from becoming any further involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

POTENTIAL PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Project opportunities will be dependent upon the current needs within the organisation and the demonstrated skills and abilities shown by each intern. It is imperative to remember that project opportunities will develop over time and throughout internship placements. Projects may include but are not limited to:

Policy Work & Campaigning - Legal Advice & Strategic Casework - Media Work & Information Dissemination - Assisting in Bail Assessments of Young People – Research – Written & Oral Communication

TRANSFERABLE SKILL SETS

It is essential to maximise every opportunity within the internship placements. If tasks and duties are approached in a professional manner, interns can take away additions skills and abilities that will be of benefit to their personal and professional development. Transferable skills sets include but are not limited to:

Effective Communication – Accuracy & Attention to Detail – independent Work & Self-Reliance - Teamwork – Administrative Skills – Understanding of the British Legal System & Practices – Research & Information Gathering – Planning & Organisation