



Her Justice Summer Associate Program



"The summer associate program was a very rewarding experience and Her Justice was extremely supportive throughout the entire process."

What is it?

The Her Justice summer associate program allows law students at participating firms the opportunity to gain practical experience in litigated and non-litigated cases that they might not otherwise obtain elsewhere. Her Justice summer associate programs are available to corporate partners only. Working with supervising attorneys at their firms and consulting with mentors at Her Justice, summer associates interview clients, build attorney-client relationships, draft and file pleadings and motions, negotiate with opposing counsel, interact with court personnel and develop general litigation skills. Every year summer associates who participate in the program tell us how rewarding it is to represent individual clients who need and deeply appreciate their assistance.

How does it work?

One or more summer associates accept a legal matter for representation in late May/early June. Each summer associate must be supervised by an associate and/or partner at their firm who is admitted to the bar in New York, who will be the attorney of record, supervise all work done by the summer associates and attend all court hearings with the summer associates. Supervising attorneys are responsible for bringing the legal matters to conclusion once the summer associates have left the firm. Summer associates and supervising attorneys participate in special Her Justice trainings and personalized question and answer sessions midway through the summer.

What legal matters are assigned?

Summer associates are introduced to litigated matters in Family Court— orders of protection, custody/visitation, child and spousal support, and litigated divorces in Supreme Court. Non-litigated matters include uncontested divorces in Supreme Court and immigration matters such as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Self Petitions, Battered Spouse Waivers, Petitions for U Nonimmigrant Status (U visas) and Adjustment of Status for Approved U Nonimmigrants. Summer associates working on immigration matters are introduced to basic immigration law concepts and practices, and assist clients in preparing affidavits and supporting documents for filing with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

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