Amanda Fried  
**Ohio Environmental Council**  
Amanda’s internship was with the Ohio Environmental Council in Columbus, a non-profit environmental advocacy group. She researched a variety of environmental topics including farm animal waste issues, coal waste, and water rights. She was able to attend meetings with state actors, governmental agencies, and private corporations to see how the lawmaking and policymaking processes unfold.

Dylan Griffiths  
**United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of Ohio**  
Dylan worked full time for the United States Attorney’s Office in the Southern District of Ohio, in the criminal division. Dylan became an integral part of the cases on which she worked by replying to an appellate brief, writing motions opposing new trials, and writing a reply to a Habeas Corpus petition.

Katie Jory  
**Columbus Federal Public Defender**  
Katie worked for the Columbus Federal Public Defender. She mostly researched issues regarding the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the complex issues that arise under them. Many of the cases she worked on involved guns and drugs, but she also researched racial profiling, expert evidence, and marijuana equivalencies. Katie had the opportunity to interact with clients via jail visits, phone conversations, and courthouse meetings.

Andrea Knox  
**The Alliance for Children’s Rights**  
Andrea worked at The Alliance for Children’s Rights, a non-profit firm in Los Angeles, CA. Her responsibilities included conducting client interviews, filing adoption requests, and taking testimony at finalization hearings. Her research projects with the Adoptions Project involved the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, three-petitioner adoptions, and the use of post-adoption contact agreements. She also worked on guardianship, special education, health care, immigration, and public benefits cases.

Simon Lee  
**Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**  
Simon worked at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA), an innovative community-based law firm for low-income residents of the city of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County. He worked on general immigration and asylum application cases and actively participated in an ongoing research project at LAFLA that tracked the litigation history of individual, class action, and qui tam suits against scam vocational and on-line schools.

Miranda Leppla  
**Equal Justice Foundation**  
Miranda worked for Equal Justice Foundation in Columbus. Most of her work this summer revolved around foreclosures and predatory lending. Additionally, Miranda worked on projects that involved protecting the rights of incarcerated juveniles, eviction proceedings, tort law, and contract law. A large part of her summer included handling intake calls from potential clients.

Jacqueline Matthews  
**Appelleseed Foundation**  
Jacqueline spent her summer in Washington, D.C. at the national office of the Appelleseed Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan network of public interest justice centers across the U.S. and in Mexico. Her legal research focused on requirements for English Language Learner (ELL) programs under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

Mario Medina  
**Erie County Public Defender’s Office**  
Mario’s internship was with the Erie County Public Defender’s Office in Erie, PA and it gave him the opportunity to work exclusively in criminal law. He was the only intern in the office currently in law school and quickly got a full workload. Mario served as co-counsel on a high profile child rape case and even got to cross-examine the child victim in the case.
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John Moran
Geauga County Prosecutor’s Office

John worked at the Geauga County Prosecutor’s Office in Chardon, Ohio. He spent some of his time performing research on the more obscure legal issues presented by certain cases. John also spoke with police officers, witnesses, and victims to obtain more information to supplement a police report and to prepare for an upcoming trial. With his legal intern certificate, he was able to try numerous bench trials throughout the summer.

Caitlin O’Donnell
Baltimore City Public Defender

Caitlin worked in the felony trial division of the Baltimore City Public Defender this summer in Baltimore, M.D. Her duties included preparing and filing motions, bail reviews, and subpoenas; serving subpoenas; jail visits/least interviews; writing letters to clients and witnesses; and observing court proceedings, including trials. Caitlin did some legal research on inconsistent verdicts and impeachment and wrote her own “Petition for Writ of Coram Nobis.”

Sarah Rogers
ACLU of Colorado

Sarah’s work with the ACLU of Colorado involved researching and writing about constitutional law issues, including the constitutionality of the restrictions that Denver and the United States Secret Service imposed upon protestors at the Democratic National Convention. She also co-authored a handbook called “Know Your Rights When Encountering Law Enforcement.”

Lizzette Romero
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

Lizzette worked at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) in her hometown of El Paso, Texas. She worked on projects in different areas of law ranging from Labor and Employment, Housing, Consumer and Family. Lizette handled her own cases from start to finish, including a complex housing case that involved the landlord’s lack of repairs. She also drafted discovery, wrote letters to the IRS, and wrote a complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for a defective air conditioner.

Dorian Slaybod
ACLU of Southern California

Dorian worked at the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California. The majority of the week he worked in the Orange County office, in Orange, California and on Fridays, he worked in the main office in Downtown Los Angeles. The majority of Dorian’s work involved research and writing on constitutional law topics like First Amendment rights of day laborers and custom liability of municipalities for intentional infringements of citizens’ rights.

Ben Snodgrass
Community Advocacy Program with The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Ben worked for the Community Advocacy Program (CAP), which is part of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He had the opportunity to work with housing, public benefits, child custody, special education, and national-origin discrimination cases and he gave a presentation about some of the legal issues that can arise when grandparents and other kinship act as primary caregivers. Ben helped to plan a legal advice clinic at a men’s shelter that houses many recently released prisoners.

Sarah Staley
United States Department of Justice and Ohio State Legal Services Organization

Sarah split her summer between the United States Department of Justice and Ohio State Legal Services Organization, spending most of her time in Washington, DC working for the DOJ. At the DOJ, she worked in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, specifically in Environmental Enforcement. With OSLSA, Sarah worked primarily on foreclosure issues; although she got to go to court once using her intern’s certificate on a landlord/tenant case.

Elliott Tomes
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility

Elliott worked with Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) in Washington, D.C. He conducted legal research and writing tasks to support PEER’s litigation efforts against federal and state agencies. This included investigating and documenting potential environmental violations, taking witness affidavits, filing FOIA requests and appeals, filing formal complaints, and attending employee grievance hearings. Elliott frequently left the office to attend Congressional hearings and meet with members of the press to drop literature and answer any salient questions about the environmental controversy at issue.