

Internship Opportunity

Gender, International Law and Justice (GILJ) Research Assistant

Name of Organization: **Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)**

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Deadline: Monday, June 18, 2007 – 5pm

General Project Description:

GILJ research focuses on the gap between the adoption of international laws on non-discrimination of women, and the implementation of these laws through the investigation of how non-governmental organizations use and understand international law, and what actors affect this process. The study focuses on sexual and reproductive rights in Argentina, health in Iran, education in Pakistan and water in Kenya. The goals of the project are:

- 1) To identify mediators between *de jure* international rights of non-discrimination of women and *de facto* realities that impact civil society work in case study countries;
- 2) To conduct in depth civil society process case studies on programmes and activities regarding states' obligations to guarantee ESCRs
- 3) To engage in critical analysis of how women and civil society actors can facilitate gender-responsiveness in public service delivery related to core ESCRs
- 4) To strengthen the capacity of researchers to engage in a combined methodological approach to identify elements contributing in shifts to women's needs, rights and identities as well as adaptation of civil society discourse and actions in relation to international norms.

Goal of the Internship:

To provide critical support to project partners as they complete background research on case study topics and engage in field work.

Duties

- Complete key background readings, producing 2-3 page summaries to be shared with all project members.
- Assist research partners with the collection of information difficult to obtain in the various case study countries.
- Research and write short background studies on the use of international law by NGOs in Iran and Pakistan.
- Edit papers written by partners in Argentina, Iran, Kenya and Pakistan.

Qualifications

Minimum: 2nd year law or 3rd year undergraduate student.

Ability to adhere to deadlines

Terms and Conditions:

- Remuneration: **Pro-bono**. Any publications produced with the assistance of the intern will acknowledge his or her contribution.
- **Duration of internship: Starts immediately.** 7-12 hours per week. Applicants who can only commit to fewer hours are encouraged to apply but to state clearly their availability. End date: Negotiable;
- **Contact: Please send any inquiries or your CV and a cover letter indicating your reasons for wanting to do the internship to CISDL Associate Fellow, Emily Wheeler, at ewheeler@cisdl.org.**