



# CENTRE FOR LAW AND DEMOCRACY

## **Summer Internship - International Human Rights**

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The Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD), an international human rights organisation based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, will host up to four interns for the summer of 2020. The position will involve a range of substantive legal work in areas such as freedom of expression, media law, digital rights and access to information.

CLD provides expert legal services on foundational rights for democracy for the support and promotion of these rights around the world. Select recent projects include:

- Supporting Myanmar's democratic transition, including by fostering the development of a robust and independent media sector and the drafting of new laws governing broadcasting, digital speech and access to information.
- Working to promote human rights within the League of Arab States, including by enhancing civil society engagement with that body.
- Providing technical support to a major project aimed at increasing civil engagement by women and marginalised groups at the local level in Nepal.
- Working with a range of actors to support implementation of the access to information laws in Pakistan.
- Providing expert input into law reform processes in a range of countries, including Tanzania, Pakistan, Indonesia and Mongolia.
- Campaigning against global threats to digital rights, such as mass surveillance, content restrictions, Internet shutdowns and efforts to undermine encryption and digital security.
- Providing training and support to journalists, lawyers, judges and activists in multiple countries on media law and human rights issues.
- Maintaining a comprehensive rating of access to information laws globally ([www.rti-rating.org](http://www.rti-rating.org)).

We ask interns to commit to at least three months full-time work in our office in Halifax during the months of May to August. These positions are unpaid and we encourage prospective interns to seek funding from their law schools or other sources. Interns will have the opportunity to be directly involved in advancing the cause of human rights, normally in a range of countries over the summer. For more information on CLD's work, visit our website at [www.law-democracy.org](http://www.law-democracy.org).

**Those interested in applying should send a copy of their resume, cover letter and unofficial law school transcripts to Laura Notess at [laura@law-democracy.org](mailto:laura@law-democracy.org) by 5 February 2020. Final candidates may be asked to provide a writing sample.**

Successful candidates will have a strong academic record, excellent research skills, the ability to multi-task, and a demonstrated commitment to international law and human rights. Languages and regional knowledge are assets. Applicants should be current law students or recent graduates; on an exceptional basis we will consider candidates without a law background.

CLD is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any applicant on the basis of characteristics such as age, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation.