Crimmigration Law Clerk Researcher

Background of Agency: The Immigrant Law Center of a nonprofit agency that provides immigration legal assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota. ILCM also works to educate Minnesota communities and professionals about immigration matters, and advocates for state and federal policies that respect the universal human rights of immigrants.

Purpose of Position: The Crimmigration Law Clerk Researcher position was created to support a research project that details the immigration consequences of common Minnesota criminal law statutes. This resource will be published to immigration practitioners in the fall of 2023. This upcoming spring and summer, the Crimmigration Law Clerk would assist the 3 attorneys working on the project in conducting research on immigration consequences of criminal convictions, including reviewing Board of Immigration Appeals decisions, 8th Circuit decisions, and secondary sources. As capacity allows, the Law Clerk may also have time to provide direct assistance on case work for individuals who have cases pending before the Immigration Court in Fort Snelling, MN. There may also be opportunities for observation of ongoing immigration court hearings, depending on student interest.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct research on Westlaw or Lexis
- Draft case memos and research memos
- Apply legal research to draft content for crimmigration crime chart and meet with team to discuss research
- Work on case assistance projects for Staff Attorneys, including client correspondence, country conditions research, and organizing filings

Qualification and Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in law school.
- Prior experience in immigration research and/or criminal research preferred.

Schedule and Hours

- Flexible. Remote work available. To be determined by supervisor and intern.
- Spring 2023 and/or Summer 2023

Pay

Volunteer Position. Supervisor also willing to support interns who secure external funding or credit.

Supervisor: Law Clerk will be supervised by Robyn Meyer-Thompson. Support will be provided by ILCM's Volunteer Coordinator.

Work Location:

ILCM's main offices at 450 North Syndicate Street, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55104. Work may be completed remotely with travel to the office as needed.

How to Apply: Please send resumé and cover letter to ILCM Volunteer Coordinator, Arianna Varela, at arianna.varela@ilcm.org and Robyn Meyer-Thompson at robyn.meyer-thompson@ilcm.org.