



Center for Public
Representation

CENTER FOR PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Who We Are

The Center for Public Representation (CPR) is a national advocacy organization that uses legal strategies, advocacy, and policy to promote the integration and full community participation of people with disabilities and all others who are devalued in today's society. Through its systemic advocacy, CPR has been a major force in ensuring that people with disabilities across the country have opportunities to live, work, learn and fully participate in all aspects of community life. CPR is based in Massachusetts with a satellite office in Washington, D.C. You can learn more about CPR and its priorities at www.centerforpublicrep.org.

Our Work

CPR engages in groundbreaking class action litigation across the country on behalf of people segregated in residential, employment, and educational settings, as well as people at risk of segregation due to the lack of access to critical community supports and healthcare services. CPR is actively litigating, or monitoring implementation of federal court judgments and settlement agreements in eight states, and will be developing a set of new legal initiatives in 2019 and 2020. CPR also works on national disability public policy issues out of our office in Washington, D.C. CPR operates a MA-based virtual training and technical assistance center on Supported Decision-Making, and is currently spearheading legislation in Massachusetts to expand the use of Supported Decision-Making as an alternative to guardianship. CPR provides technical assistance to a national network of disability organizations, Massachusetts legal service programs, and other public interest organizations. More information on our litigation docket is available at <https://centerforpublicrep.org/litigation/>. Our Supported Decision-Making project is described at <https://supporteddecisions.org/>.

Summer Internship

CPR is seeking at least one talented law student who is committed to social justice and interested in advancing the rights of people with disabilities. Depending on your interests and experience, you may:

- Assist with ongoing class-action litigation, including preparing legal memoranda, participating in strategy meetings, assisting with drafting briefs, and reviewing documents
- Support the monitoring and enforcement of court ordered settlement agreements
- Participate in the development of new litigation, including researching legal theories, investigating factual claims, identifying potential partners, and interviewing stakeholders
- Assist with policy and legal-related communications, including creating content on legal issues for websites and client/community outreach materials

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- Provide direct client counseling to individuals using Supported Decision-Making, and advocate to advance legislative initiatives on Supported Decision-Making
- Participate in coalition meetings and meetings with advocacy partners
- Research and draft national technical assistance materials

Desired Skills and Interests:

- Experience in any of the following areas: civil rights, disability, healthcare policy, social justice advocacy, and legislation
- Ability to work independently and within a team
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and projects with supervision
- Excellent writing and legal research skills
- Working knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Demonstrated commitment to people with disabilities or other marginalized groups

Please send a cover letter describing yourself and your interest in working with CPR, as well as a resume and writing sample of ten or fewer pages to Pam Long at plong@cpr-ma.org. At least one student will work in CPR's main office, located at 22 Green Street, Northampton, MA 01060, or its office at 246 Walnut Street, Suite 202, Newton, Massachusetts 02460.

CPR is an equal opportunity employer and highly values diversity in its staff. Persons with disabilities, persons of color, and people of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

CPR provides a modest stipend for its internships, and encourages students to also pursue outside funding if available.