IMMIGRANT DEFENSE PROJECT
REMOTE LEGAL RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) is a national nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes fundamental fairness for immigrants accused or convicted of crimes. IDP seeks to minimize the harsh and disproportionate immigration consequences of contact with the criminal legal system by working to transform unjust deportation laws and policies, and by educating and advising immigrants, their criminal defenders, and other advocates.

Our interns get unique exposure to both the criminal justice and immigration systems and an opportunity to develop substantive legal expertise. IDP is seeking a research intern to assist its founder, Manny Vargas, in updating and expanding its legal resources, including the Removal Defense Checklist. This position requires familiarity with immigration law, strong research and analytic skills, and an interest in learning more about immigrant defense. The main job duties include performing legal research (through WestLaw and/or Lexis), summarizing case law and legal analysis with respect to criminal grounds of removal, and compiling legal strategies for defending immigrants with convictions facing removal.

This is an immediate opening for the Fall 2020 term. Given the current concerns around COVID-19, all training and work will be done remotely. We ask that interns commit at least 10 hours a week, but we are able to negotiate a more flexible schedule if needed. This is an unpaid internship however we will support efforts to get academic credit or outside funding.

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Marie Mark at internships[at]immdefense[dot]org with the subject line “Research Hotline Internship.” Applications accepted on a rolling basis until position is filled, but we encourage you to apply early.