



Volunteers of Legal Service – Senior Law Project **Summer 2026 Internship**

Organizational Overview:

Since 1984, VOLS has partnered with New York City's leading law firms and companies and community-based organizations to help close the access to justice gap for low-income New Yorkers. VOLS provides free, civil legal services to New Yorkers with limited resources, including older adults, veterans, small business owners, individuals entitled to public benefits, immigrant young people, mothers in prison or jail, children and families. Last year, VOLS assisted clients on more than 4,000 legal matters, and our services benefited over 6,400 New Yorkers. VOLS' staff of 22, including 15 attorneys and law graduates, work with pro bono volunteers from over 80 law firms/companies to exponentially increase our impact. We collaborate with 150 community groups to ensure that our services are accessible and address local needs.

Project Overview:

The VOLS Senior Law Project provides wills, health care proxies, powers of attorney, and other essential advance directives to low-income older adults in New York City to enable our clients to maintain income and avoid homelessness, to ensure that their dying wishes are fulfilled, and to know that their caregivers can provide the needed support to access health care and to age in place with dignity. The Senior Law Project also provides training and education to our community partners and the older adults they serve on the importance of advance planning and related issues affecting aging New Yorkers.

Internship Description:

The summer intern will allow VOLS to expand our current capacity to help older adults plan for incapacity and death. The summer intern will: 1) Conduct intakes for clients who are seeking advance directives; 2) follow-up with client during the intake and review process; 3) assist with the drafting of advance directives and estate planning documents for clients; 4) provide counsel and advice to clients under attorney supervision; 5) help develop new and refine existing training materials for our volunteer attorneys; 6) help develop new and refine existing public facing outreach materials. Spanish or Chinese language skills preferred but not required; and 7) participate in external trainings and community events to educate older adults and professionals about the importance of life planning and the services provided by VOLS SLP.

Location, Vaccination, and In-Person Work Requirements:

VOLS Office located at: 40 Worth, Street, Suite 829, New York, NY 10013.

This is a hybrid internship position. Interns will benefit from joining in person staff and team meetings, clinics, presentations, client meetings, and other in-person events.



All VOLS employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless a medical or religious accommodation is approved.

Application Contact:

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to apply@volspobno.org with the subject line: "Senior Law Project Summer 2026 Internship." Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Commitment to Inclusion

Commitment to Inclusion: VOLS is an equal opportunity employer. VOLS strives to build and maintain a workplace that embraces staff with different backgrounds, identities, and experiences. We welcome applicants from marginalized communities, including, but not limited to, those who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of color, women, queer, transgender, gender non-conforming, disabled, immigrants, veterans, people from low socio-economic backgrounds, and those directly impacted by the legal system. VOLS does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, creed, age, disability, sexual orientation, biological sex, gender identity/expression, family status, military service or any other status protected under the law.