2022-2023 The Fortune Society Volunteer/Internship Program

About Fortune: The Fortune Society, Inc. (Fortune) has evolved into one of the nation’s preeminent reentry and justice-informed service organizations, providing formerly-incarcerated people with the skills and wrap-around services needed to break the cycle of crime and incarceration and to build productive lives in their communities. Our Mission: The Fortune Society’s mission is to support successful reentry from incarceration and promote alternatives to incarceration, thus strengthening the fabric of our communities.

Opportunity Title: Legal Public Policy Intern
Type: Intern, unpaid
Department: David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP) / Policy Counsel
Location: In-Person (Long Island City)
Tentative Schedule: 10 hours per week commitment (sometime Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)
Duration: Fall (Sept 1-Dec 15); Spring (Feb 1-May 15); Summer (June 1-Aug 15)
Application Deadline: Ongoing until opportunity is filled.

Position Summary: The role of the Legal Policy Intern within the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP) will be to support our advocacy efforts around ending mass incarceration, addressing conditions of confinement, and supporting successful re-entry.

Tasks / Primary Responsibilities
- Research and analysis that supports development of advocacy strategies and policy work.
- Legal and non-legal research and writing.
- Support existing advocacy activities as well as contributing ideas for future legislation/policies.
- Open to attend rallies supported by The Fortune Society.
- Review legal inquiries from Fortune participants to access in-house help and/or research possible external referrals.

Learning Objectives
- Develop a legal writing sample by the conclusion of the internship.
- Develop familiarity with legislative advocacy processes and strategies.
- Gain experience collaborating with diverse stakeholders in criminal legal system reform efforts.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Strong preference for 2L Law Students.
- Proven application of research in legal or public policy matters preferred.
- Must have an interest and appreciation for the challenges faced by people who have criminal justice involvement, including collateral consequences that last well beyond time spent in prison or jail.
- Proficient in using Google Suite and Excel;
Additional Requirements

- Must be 18+ of age
- Must have personal laptop/computer with reliable internet connection
- Must show proof of completed COVID-19 vaccination (boosters not required to comply with EO47).

To Apply

- Submit an online application at https://fortunesociety.org/volunteer-or-intern-with-us/.
- Applications selected for a phone/zoom interview will be contacted via email to schedule. If selected to interview, candidates will need to submit their most recent resume.

*The Fortune Society encourages individuals to apply who have successfully made the transition from incarceration and/or substance abuse into a stable, productive lifestyle in the community.*