



2020-2021 Fortune Society Volunteer/Internship Program

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: Court Advocate Intern (MSW)

Type: Intern, un-paid

Department/Reports To: Anthony Liberatoscioli, Senior Court Advocate

Location: Remote / In-Person (Manhattan Courthouse) / Hybrid

Tentative Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9am-5pm

Duration: Ongoing

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Position Summary: The goal of the Court Advocate Intern is to advocate for alternatives to incarceration (ATI) programming with the Fortune Society and maintain relationships in the courthouse, including Judges, defense attorneys, district attorneys and other court personnel.

Tasks:

- Advocate in court for ATI programming with the Fortune Society
- Maintain relationships in the courthouse, including Judges, defense attorneys, district attorneys and other court personnel
- Conduct screenings for and assessments with potential clients
- Write formal letters on appropriate service recommendations based on initial assessment and present them to the court, district attorney, and defense attorney
- Follow cases pre- and post-plea, including status of plea and sentencing
- Provide necessary intake paperwork to Fortune Society's intake team
- Communicate with clients to review progress and participation in the ATI program
- Stand up in court at time of plea and present routine updates
- Communicate with internal & external service providers
- Enter client information into agency's data systems in a timely manner
- Attend bi-weekly court advocacy staff meetings
- Submit process recordings in agreed upon format

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled in college or graduate school or is a recent graduate. Social work or similar field preferred.
- Comfortable discussing sensitive topics with clients
- Sensitivity toward the population served by The Fortune Society and the ability to assist them without bias is necessary.
- Must be 18+ of age

Learning Objectives:

- **This internship is best suited for a 1st year MSW student.
- Gaining experiential social work experience with persons previously incarcerated.

Additional Requirements

- All interns must first submit an application online at <https://fortunesociety.org/volunteer-or-intern-with-us/>.
- Applicants selected for a phone/zoom interview will be contacted via email for scheduling. If selected to interview, candidates will need to submit their most recent resume and a cover letter.