



Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts Post-Graduate Legal Fellowship (2019-2020)

For the first time, Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of New York (VLA) will be offering a year-long paid post-graduate legal fellowship. The VLA Post-Graduate Legal Fellowship is available to one recent graduate of an accredited U.S. law school, who has a demonstrated interest in the arts and public service. The VLA Legal Fellow will interact daily with clients and gain hands-on experience analyzing, interpreting, and counseling members of New York's diverse arts community on legal issues pertaining to various areas of law, including intellectual property, contract, and non-profit and for-profit corporate matters.

Legal Fellow duties include (but are not limited to):

- Interviewing potential clients and identifying key legal and factual issues to determine potential clients' suitability for VLA services.
- Participating in client consultations and administering client case files in preparation for referral to pro bono counsel. When the legal fellow is admitted to the New York State Bar, the fellow may have the opportunity to lead consultations.
- Conducting legal research, writing, and case management in support of ongoing intellectual property, contract, corporate, and dispute resolution matters.
- Coordinating off-site legal services programming for VLA artists
- Training and supervising VLA law student interns in their daily activities.
- Assisting with VLA's education and development programming by creating presentation materials, and teaching classes on legal issues that affect artists and arts organizations.

Legal Fellow essential skills:

- Demonstrated interest in the arts and public service
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to work well with a team in a fast-paced environment
- Multitasker with attention to detail
- Strong legal research and writing skills
- Prior course work and experience in intellectual property and/or the arts strongly preferred

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, legal writing sample and law school transcript to registrations@vlany.org prior to June 21, 2019.

We are committed to enhancing our diverse workforce by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. The VLA Legal Fellow is selected without regard to the applicant's race, color, religion, gender, political beliefs, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion. EO/AA Employer.