

## **SUMMER RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY INTERN**

### **Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide**

**Position:** Summer Research and Advocacy Intern

**Application Deadline:** Rolling

**Position Dates:** May – August 2017 (exact dates TBD)

**Hours:** Full-time

The Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide seeks law student interns for full-time positions in Summer 2018. The ideal candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to human rights, death penalty, or criminal justice issues and strong writing skills. The internship is full-time and typically requires a 10 week commitment. While the internship is unpaid, the Center is willing to work with interns to secure funding.

#### **Responsibilities:**

Interns will have the opportunity to gain valuable experience working closely with the Center's attorneys. Interns will gain hands-on experience by:

- Conducting legal research;
- Analyzing international human rights law;
- Compiling and analyzing foreign domestic jurisprudence to update the Death Penalty Worldwide database, the world's most comprehensive source of death penalty research;
- Monitoring the press and social media for developments in death penalty law and practice;
- Drafting legal memoranda; and
- Investigating cases of prisoners on death row around the world.

#### **Additional opportunities may include:**

- Attending sessions of the Makwanyane Institute, an intensive, skills-based training for sub-Saharan African capital defense lawyers from common law jurisdictions;
- Drafting petitions to international and regional human rights bodies;
- Drafting petitions to U.S. courts;
- Interviewing in-country partners to supplement secondary source research;
- Publishing blog posts on the Center's webpage; and
- Attending enrichment sessions on human rights and death penalty topics.

#### **Qualifications:**

This is a legal internship, open to W2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M students only.

- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills;
- A demonstrated commitment to human rights issues;
- Relevant coursework and foreign language skills (particularly French, Arabic, Farsi, and Chinese) are preferred.

#### **To Apply:**

Applicants should send a cover letter explaining their interest in the Center and its work, any relevant experience, and what they hope to gain from the internship along with a CV or resume to [deathpenaltyworldwide@cornell.edu](mailto:deathpenaltyworldwide@cornell.edu) with the subject line “DPW Summer 2018 Legal Internship”. References and writing samples may be requested from short-listed candidates. *Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.*

### **About the Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide**

The Cornell Center on the Death Penalty Worldwide aims to bridge critical gaps in research and advocacy around the death penalty. First, the Center provides comprehensive, transparent data on the death penalty laws and practices of all countries and territories that retain the death penalty. Second, it publishes reports and manuals on issues of practical relevance to defense lawyers, governments, courts, and organizations grappling with questions relating to the application of the death penalty, particularly in the global south. Third, it engages in targeted advocacy focusing on the implementation of fair trial standards and the rights of those who come into conflict with the law, including juveniles, women, and individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental illnesses. Finally, it provides training through the Makwanyane Institute to a cadre of competitively-chosen Fellows, who undergo intensive capital defense training with the intent to return home and share their knowledge with other capital defenders around the globe. More information is available at <http://www.deathpenaltyworldwide.org>.