SUMMER LAW STUDENT INTERNSHIPS
(5/11/20 - 7/31/20)

Students must have completed their first or second year of law school.

Laurel House is a non-profit, comprehensive domestic violence agency serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
https://laurel-house.org

Our legal project provides civil legal services for victims of domestic violence. The focus is on protection and child custody and support.

While various laws offer protections and remedies for victims of domestic violence, survivors need legal assistance to identify and pursue these protections and remedies. Critical to survivors is the care and custody of their children. Domestic violence victims frequently feel they can't leave an abuser because of fear of losing child custody. Court-ordered child support can be an essential step toward economic self-sufficiency for a survivor of domestic violence.

Interns will have exceptional training and the opportunity to learn and develop skills in domestic violence and family law. Assignments include legal research and writing; drafting briefs and other court documents, preparing intake forms; reviewing, analyzing and summarizing cases; and interviewing clients and witnesses. Interns will also gain practical experience through shadowing attorneys and advocates at meetings and court appearances.

Internships are unpaid. Many law schools have funds for students to take an otherwise unpaid public interest summer internship. Please advise if you plan to apply for such funds, what are the deadlines, and what Laurel House could do to assist in your application. Interested students should submit, by 2/28/20, a cover letter; a resume, two references with email addresses and phone numbers, and writing sample to: Colleen F. Coonelly, Director of Legal Services, P.O. Box 764 Norristown, PA 19404 ccoonelly@laurel-house.org