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LAW CLERK FOR FALL 2023

The Second Look Project (SLP) is accepting applications from current law students who are passionate about protecting the rights of people serving extreme sentences and are interested in spending their spring semester or summer working on post-conviction litigation.

About SLP: SLP was founded to provide advocacy and legal support for individuals given extreme sentences as youth in the District of Columbia. Our work is focused on those who are eligible for sentence reductions under D.C.'s Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) and Compassionate Release laws. We provide direct representation to individuals seeking relief, as well as institutional advocacy, training, and litigation support for court-appointed and pro bono attorneys handling these cases. Information about SLP is available at www.secondlookdc.org.

Law clerks at SLP will participate in all aspects of our litigation and advocacy. This may include drafting briefs, conducting legal research, preparing legal memoranda, drafting letters to clients, and interviewing clients and witnesses.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a clear commitment to criminal justice and/or social justice issues. Applicants must be strong legal writers, clear communicators, and team players. They must work effectively and respectfully with indigent clients, including clients convicted of serious violent offenses and those experiencing mental illness, trauma, and poverty. Candidates should be local to Washington, D.C.

How to Apply: Students interested in this opportunity should submit a cover letter with two references, resume, and writing sample to info@secondlookdc.org. Please indicate for which internship you are applying in the subject line (i.e., John Doe_Fall 2023 Law Clerk Application). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

We strongly encourage students to apply who are people of color, identify as LGBTQIA+, have disabilities, are from low-income backgrounds, are first-generation students, and/or do not attend elite law schools. We will work with applicants to secure funding, either through law school programs or other third parties that provide public interest funding. For students who cannot get funding, SLP may be able to provide a limited stipend.