



Job Title: Law Clerk (Summer 2025)

Organization: Disability Rights Legal Center

Location: Los Angeles, CA (Hybrid)

Remote Hours: Full-time (35 hours per week)

Duration: 10 weeks, beginning Tuesday, May 27, 2025

About Us:

In 2025, the Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) celebrates its 50th year as the nation's oldest cross-disability rights advocacy organization. Our mission is to champion the rights of people with disabilities through education, advocacy, and litigation. The DRLC brings high-impact cases in federal, state, and administrative courts to affect positively the lives of and conditions for our clients and our community and to ensure accountability.

The DRLC is also home to the unique Cancer Justice (CJ). The CJ is a dynamic legal team of attorneys and volunteers that serves those affected by cancer by supporting their navigation through cancer-related legal concerns, including insurance, housing, workplace rights, and advance planning.

Position Overview:

We are seeking a cohort of five motivated and dedicated Law Clerks to join our team for the summer of 2025. Three Legal Clerks will spend the majority of their time within DRLC's Litigation Team, and two Legal Clerks will spend the majority of their time within the CJ Program. The Law Clerk position offers an excellent opportunity for a law student to gain hands-on experience in civil rights litigation, trial preparation, legal research, and client advocacy. Each Law Clerk will work closely with attorneys, staff members, and fellow cohort members on a variety of projects related to ongoing cases and initiatives.

Compensation:

This position offers a stipend of \$7,500 for the 10-week Clerkship, paid bimonthly.

Responsibilities:

- Assist attorneys with case preparation, including drafting pleadings, motions, and other legal, advocacy, and community education documents.
- Conduct legal research on relevant case law, statutes, and regulations.
- Assist in the discovery process, including document review and analysis.



- Participate in client interviews and communicate with clients under attorney supervision.
- Engage with community-based partner organizations to share legal resources and information.
- Prepare and conduct outreach to impacted community members to develop litigation and to support DRLC's advocacy.
- Draft memoranda and other written materials to support litigation and advocacy efforts.
- Attend court hearings, depositions, and other legal proceedings as needed.
- Collaborate with attorneys and staff on special projects and initiatives related to civil rights advocacy.

Qualifications:

- Current enrollment in an accredited law school.
- Strong legal research, writing, and oral advocacy skills.
- Prior professional, academic, or lived experience in civil rights law, disability rights, or related areas preferred.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Demonstrated commitment to disability and social justice for communities who experience marginalization.

Application Process:

- Submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and academic transcript (unofficial accepted) to Elvira Maldonado at EM@thedrlc.org. Please include "**Law Clerk Application - Summer 2025**" in the subject line. Applications will be considered and offers made on a rolling basis until April 4, 2025.
- DRLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to disability, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran, or formerly incarcerated status and will not be discriminated against.
- DRLC strives for a diverse workplace. Persons with disabilities or from other historically underrepresented or disadvantaged communities are strongly encouraged to apply. We believe that a diversity of experiences, opinions, and backgrounds is fundamental to achieving our mission.
- Please request alternate formats, sign language interpreters, and other reasonable accommodations via email to Elvira Maldonado at EM@thedrlc.org.