Access to Justice Internship Program – Summer 2010
Application Form

The Texas Access to Justice Commission has joined with all nine Texas law schools to offer an innovative academic internship program focused on increasing access to justice in communities without a local law school. Student interns will be placed in the offices of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT), Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA), the Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP), and Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA).

Three SMU Dedman School of Law students are eligible to participate in this program. Each student will receive a weekly stipend of $250, for a minimum of seven weeks and up to a maximum of twelve weeks of work. SMU Dedman students may receive up to 2 hours of externship credit. Selected students will need to meet with Public Service Program Director, Rebecca Greenan, and with the faculty supervisor, before beginning their internship. Please see the program website (http://www.texasatj.org/internship) for general information.

**Important Dates**

Internship Dates:

Students must begin by June 1, 2010. Students will set up their internship schedules individually, in consultation with their supervisors.

Orientation Training:

Orientation training sessions will be held in three locations (Austin, Dallas, and Houston) in April. Each student must attend an orientation session. Orientation dates will be finalized soon.

Small group meetings and site visits:

Will be held mid-internship at numerous regional locations.

TO APPLY:

Applications should be submitted to Rebecca Greenan, Carr Collins Hall, suite 320 by Monday March 15, 2010. You must submit a resume with the following application:
TEXAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

You must submit a resume with the following application by March 15, 2010 to Rebecca Greenan, Carr Collins Hall – suite 320.

Name: ______________________________
Phone(s): ____________________________
Email: ______________________________
Graduation Date: ______________________

Please describe on a separate sheet, why you are interested in the program (300 words or less).

How many weeks do you plan to work at this internship if you are selected? (There is a 7 week minimum beginning by June 1st, with a strong preference for a longer commitment. Stipends of $250/week will be provided for a maximum of 12 weeks.)

Please describe your fluency in the Spanish language:

Are you currently enrolled in, or have you completed any clinics, trial advocacy courses, or internships? If yes, please list:
Students will work in the offices of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT), Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA), Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP), or Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA). Please list your first four office location preferences, with #1 being your first choice. List only those offices where you are willing to be assigned.

_____ Abilene (LANWT)  _____ Midland (LANWT)
_____ Amarillo (LANWT)  _____ Nacogdoches (LSLA)
_____ Angleton (LSLA)  _____ Odessa (LANWT)
_____ Beaumont (LSLA)  _____ Paris (LSLA)
_____ Bryan (LSLA)  _____ Plainview (LANWT)
_____ Corpus Christi (TRLA)  _____ San Angelo (LANWT)
_____ Del Rio (TRLA)  _____ San Juan (TCRP-Spanish fluency preferred)
_____ Eagle Pass (TRLA)  _____ Texarkana (LSLA)
_____ El Paso (TRLA)  _____ Tyler (LSLA)
______ El Paso (TCRP-Spanish fluency required)  _____ Waxahachie (LANWT)
_____ Laredo (TRLA)  _____ Weslaco (TRLA)
_____ Longview (LSLA)  _____ Wichita Falls (LANWT)

Are there any special circumstances relevant to where you are assigned for your internship? If so, please describe these circumstances.