

**Internship Announcement**  
**Break the Cycle | Washington, DC**  
**Legal Intern**

Break the Cycle is the leading national nonprofit organization providing comprehensive dating abuse programs exclusively to young people ages 12 to 24. BTC's mission is to inspire and support young people to build healthy relationships and create a culture without abuse. Break the Cycle provides programming for young people as well as adults invested in young people; specifically, BTC: provides preventative education to young people; empowers young people to speak out against dating abuse and become the next generation of leaders working to end violence; provides training to educators, parents, and other caring adults and professionals; provides technical assistance to organizations that serve young people; engages in public policy advocacy on the federal level to benefit young people; works with local agencies and service providers to develop laws and policies to improve the lives of young survivors in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

Finally, Break the Cycle's Washington, DC office offers free and confidential legal services to survivors of dating abuse, domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault ages 12 to 24 in the areas of civil protection orders, family law (divorce, child custody, and child support), criminal case advocacy, and Title IX sexual harassment and sexual assault complaints. BTC's attorneys practice primarily in D.C. Superior Court.

**Internship**

Break the Cycle offers full-time and part-time legal internship opportunities in its Washington, DC office. The responsibilities of interns vary based on the current work of BTC's Legal Services Program, and always have a lasting impact for BTC's young clients. Under the supervision of BTC attorneys, legal interns often have the opportunity to: research legal issues; write legal memoranda; draft legal documents including discovery, pleadings, and motions; participate in client interviews and safety planning; assist with trial preparation; accompany clients and attorneys to court; and present a Healthy Relationships 101 or Know Your Rights workshop to a group of young people. Legal interns may have the opportunity to "take the lead" on criminal case advocacy for one or more BTC clients, which includes: helping the client apply for funding from the Crime Victim Compensation Program, assisting the client with Victim Impact Statement drafting, preparing the client to testify, explaining and keeping the client apprised of the criminal process, and advocating for the client's desired outcome.

**Application Instructions**

Applications should include a cover letter, resume, and three references. If submitted, BTC will also consider a writing sample (5-10 pages) and a law school transcript (unofficial or self-prepared is fine). Applicants should include in their cover letter: (1) the time period for which they are applying (e.g. Spring 2017); (2) whether the applicant is seeking a full- or part-time internship (3); whether the applicant plans to seek educational credit for internship hours; and whether the applicant seeks or has access to funding for the internship.

Deadline: Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please submit applications by email to Ms. Alexandra Scott at [ascott@breakthecycle.org](mailto:ascott@breakthecycle.org).

Break the Cycle is an equal opportunity employer. For questions, please contact:

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