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*A nonprofit organization protecting and advancing the legal rights of people with mental disabilities.*

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## Short Pre-Summer, End-of-Summer, Spring Break and Winter Break Internship or Externship Opportunities

Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc. (MHAS) provides free legal services to people with developmental and mental health disabilities. MHAS advocates for children and adults to obtain government benefits, protect rights, and fight discrimination. MHAS provides training and technical assistance to community members, including attorneys and service providers. MHAS also participates in impact litigation to improve the lives of low-income people with mental health disabilities and engages in legislative advocacy and other policy work. MHAS legal service areas include the following:

- Government benefits,
- Housing,
- Special education,
- Veterans, and
- Access to mental health services.

In addition to traditional school-year extern and internship opportunities and our ten-week summer program, MHAS also offers “mini” internship opportunities during annual spring and winter breaks and the beginning and end of summer. These time-limited opportunities (usually one to three weeks) allow students to become familiar with areas of legal service and disability rights to which they might not have been exposed and to provide valuable legal research and direct service support to our agency under the supervision of an experienced attorney.

All internship opportunities are unpaid. Some schools do provide credit for winter break extern experiences.

To apply, email [pmarx@mhas-la.org](mailto:pmarx@mhas-la.org) with a cover letter, resume and writing sample.