

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Internship, Business and Human Rights Programme**

The International Commission of Jurists is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights and the rule of law around the world.

The ICJ Business and Human Rights (BHR) Programme works towards the progressive development of the international human rights framework as it applies to business enterprises. It places particularly priority on the right to access an effective remedy for those negatively affected by business-related abuses. During 2017 the BHR programme will continue its work on international standards and access to justice and will also start a new initiative focussing on Operational-level Grievance Mechanisms that deal with business-related human rights abuses.

#### **Description:**

The ICJ BHR is currently seeking an intern to work from 3 to 6 months starting in February 2017 within the Business and Human Rights Programme. Subject to the establishment of an internal plan of work, the intern's duties may include:

- Carrying out research and drafting legal materials in respect of national laws, policies and practices; the practice of international institutions and of businesses themselves regarding non-judicial grievance mechanisms dealing with business-related human rights abuses;
- Carrying out research and assisting in advocacy actions to be developed by the ICJ to contribute to the process of drafting a legally binding instrument on business and human rights and other international instruments;
- Participating and assisting in ICJ work in meetings of United Nations Human Rights bodies in Geneva;
- Carry out other tasks as required, including support in organizing meetings and administrative tasks connected to the work.

#### **Requirements:**

The successful candidate will have:

- Advanced degree in law, with extensive study of public international law and human rights law;
- Fluency in English, working knowledge of French and/or Spanish;
- Excellent research and drafting skills;
- Interest and demonstrable experience in the field of business and human rights; knowledge and/or exposure to grievance mechanisms designed to address business-related abuses is desirable;
- Applicants must already have permission to work in Switzerland for the duration of the internship or the ability to obtain such permission within the necessary timeframe.

#### **Conditions:**

Unfortunately, the ICJ is not in a position to offer any financial remuneration to interns. All interns are responsible for all expenses and costs incurred in undertaking an internship with the ICJ. On a discretionary basis the ICJ may offer a lunch allowance.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

#### **Applications:**

Applications close on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Please send a cover letter, CV and the names and contact details of at least two referees by e-mail to: [carlos.lopez@icj.org](mailto:carlos.lopez@icj.org)  
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Thank you for your understanding.