

Project Description

Jenny Jiao

I will be interning at the Office of the New York Attorney General, which is currently headed by Letitia James, in their Civil Rights Bureau as their only undergraduate intern.

The Attorney General's office is one of the most prominent and active state Attorney General offices in the country, leading much of the national litigation on civil rights issues, such as legal issues regarding Donald Trump's travel ban and Harvey Weinstein's sexual assault and harassment cases. More broadly, the Bureau seeks to promote equal justice under the law and enforce civil rights for all New Yorkers. Using civil rights legislation at the federal, state, and local levels, the Bureau ensures that no New Yorker faces discrimination, whether that be by their race, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, source of income or disability status. The Bureau also seeks to lower the barriers that vulnerable individuals face in the justice system and ensure that each and every person is able to access their basic rights.

In the internship, I will be assigned to multiple ongoing cases in the Civil Rights Bureau and work directly with the lead attorneys on those cases. The work for each case will entail legal and non-legal research, data analysis, drafting of memos, assisting with consumer complaint intake and mediation and any other needs as they come. In addition, I will participate in internal strategy meetings, client meetings, depositions, and any court hearings or trials that occur on my cases over the summer.

I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the critical litigation that the Office of the Attorney General engages in so that more New Yorkers are able to live lives without discrimination. I look forward to working hard and learning as much as possible in the pursuit of a more equitable and just society.