



Independent International Legal Advocates (IILA) (www.independentILA.org) is a unique non-profit international law advisory and training organization working towards global fairness through global law. IILA works to enable more effective and fair participation of small and developing States in the creation and application of international law.

The problems of today are global problems and they require global solutions. International Law is the tool to do just that. By bringing the global community together to create and enforce rules, International Law can work to solve the challenges we face. But this is not easy as International Law is, at present, deeply unfair. Many small and developing States simply lack the resources and expertise to advocate for their people and have their voices heard. These issues are complex, and if the world is going to tackle them, International law must be fair and effective. That's where IILA comes in.

IILA is a group of dedicated lawyers committed to ensuring fairness in International law. We believe in a world where International Law works effectively to solve global issues, and every country and every people is heard in its creation and implementation. A global legal system is great for small and developing States – if it's working the way it should. Working for the inclusion of these diverse perspectives will lead to better outcomes of human dignity, environmental protection, and sustainable development. If you care about these vital goals - you care about international law across the globe.

IILA is looking for outstanding law graduates who are self-motivated and interested in using international law for the promotion of global fairness. As a young organization with growing needs, IILA fosters a culture of creativity, adaptability and responsibility to provide timely and considered solutions to our State partners on the basis of IILA's innovative model of serving as “in-house counsel”, working in partnership alongside marginalized States' international law teams to provide ongoing, impartial legal support and training. While IILA partners directly with the international law advisers of small and developing States, it is the citizens of our partner States that IILA serves by ensuring their needs shape the creation and application of international law.

Responsibilities: Legal Fellows will be tasked with real hands on experience in the practice of international law, and may be engaged in one or a number of the full gamut of international law topics, namely, human rights, the law of armed conflict, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, the movement of persons, the law of the sea, international environmental law, international trade and investment and treaty law.

Specific work will include conducting legal research and writing assistance to State partners on topics of public international law; the preparation of related training materials; attending meetings with State partners at the Missions of the United Nations; and attendance at international treaty negotiations at the United Nations and other diplomatic fora.

Previous topics have included examining the crime of aggression under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; working on the international law elements of the Global Compact on Migration; and working on the multilateral negotiations to protect the marine life in the high seas through the “BBNJ” treaty process.



Qualifications: A solid academic foundation in public international law, covering a number of international topics, is important. Experience working with public international law is preferred but not required; alternatively, experience practicing in an international legal environment is important. Fluency in French or Spanish is a bonus.

Work schedule: IILA runs a normal 40 hours a week minimum, with a preference for a minimum of a 20-week schedule. Fellows will be work either at IILA's shared office space in New York or the possibility of working offsite.

Application deadline: February 14, 2020..

How to apply: Please send an up to date resume and cover letter to info@independentILA.org, to apply, as well as with any questions, attention of Mr. Daniel Stewart.