

Compassion & Choices  
Summer 2020 Legal Fellowship

Compassion & Choices is the nation's oldest, largest and most active nonprofit organization committed to improving care and expanding choice at the end of life. Across the nation, we work ensure healthcare providers honor and enable patients' decisions about their care. To make this vision a reality, Compassion & Choices works nationwide in state legislatures, Congress, courts, medical settings and communities to:

- empower people with information and tools, including our free consultation program, to receive healthcare that is consistent with their values and priorities as they approach the end of life.
- advance policies that allow people to make fully informed decisions about their healthcare, such as improving hospice and palliative care and ending unwanted medical treatment.
- authorize and implement medical aid in dying to allow mentally capable adults in their final weeks or months of a terminal disease to advance the time of death and end unbearable suffering.

Compassion & Choices is pleased to offer a law student or recent law graduate a 10 week full time legal internship. Under the supervision of highly experienced staff, legal interns will serve as part of a nationwide advocacy effort to improve care and expand choice at the end of life. Work will primarily consist of research and writing on issues related to end of life healthcare and are likely to involve civil, criminal and constitutional law. Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Clerks should have:

1. Interest in advocacy related to end of life healthcare issues including, but not limited to, medical aid in dying, medical malpractice, advanced directives, free speech and religious exemptions.
2. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
3. The ability to work independently and cooperatively with different types of

people.

4. Possess advanced computer and legal research skills, including Westlaw.

Compassion & Choices will pay each legal fellow \$1000/week in compensation, but is unable to offer benefits.

Compassion & Choices is committed to non-discrimination in employment.

To Apply:

Please email a letter of interest and current resume in a **single combined .pdf file** to Sabrina Cushing, Legal Assistant for Compassion & Choices - [scushing@compassionandchoices.org](mailto:scushing@compassionandchoices.org). Please title applications using the following format: 2019 Legal Fellow [Last Name, First Name].

In your letter of interest please specify from which office you would prefer to work. (Portland, Oregon strongly preferred, with Washington D.C. as an option)

Applications must be received by February 15, 2020 to ensure consideration.