

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Legal Empowerment for Refugees
and Asylum Seekers

PRO BONO INTERNSHIP AT DLA PIPER, MILAN FOR LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS WHO ARE ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

[DLA Piper](#) is a global business law firm with over 4000 lawyers in [80 offices](#). We are committed to using our resources to make a positive contribution to the communities in which we operate and to the protection of human rights around the world. As such, we have developed a vast international pro bono practice in parallel to our commercial work.

Our lawyers provide free legal support to individuals and non-profit organisations around the world. One of the core focus areas of our pro bono practice is protecting the right of displaced persons.

In line with our focus area, we have joined forces with Coalizione Italiana per le Libertà e I Diritti civili and Pro Bono Italia to implement a project aimed at empowering asylum seekers and refugees in Italy. Together, we will run a legal empowerment project called “[Know Your Rights](#)” for 10 weeks which will start on 19 September in Milan.

During the program 25 asylum seekers and refugees will receive weekly training on various legal issues and their rights. The goal is to empower the attendees by increasing their core legal knowledge and associated soft skills.

In order to help us run the Know Your Rights project, we set up an [internship program](#) in our Milan office for lawyers and law students who are migrants or refugees and who have been forced to relocate from their countries of origin due to conflict, persecution or environmental disaster.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERNSHIP

The intern will be in charge of the practical coordination of the [Know Your Rights](#) project in Milan. She/he will:

- plan the meetings between organizers;
- communicate and promote the project;
- work on the session contents and slides;
- provide translation during the sessions; and
- prepare, organize and follow-up in relation to the sessions.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Preferably a law student, graduate or someone who has a law degree from their home country.
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice.
- Excellent legal, organizational, communication and project management skills.

- Strong Italian and English (both written and oral), and ideally proficiency in at least one other language (French or Arabic preferred).
- Flexible worker, mature, resilient and able to respond quickly to new situations, change direction and work autonomously.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The internship is based in our office at DLA Piper Studio Legale Tributario Associato Via della Posta, 7, 20123 Milan.
- It is a part time internship and we can be flexible around the successful candidate's academic commitments.
- The internship will be paid at a rate of 400 EUR per month (net) and will have a duration of three months starting in September and ending in November 2018.
- All applicants must be refugees, asylum seekers, beneficiary of subsidiary, humanitarian or international protection and must have the right to work in Italy.
- The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the European Pro Bono Director (Özgür Kahale, based in Paris) and the European Pro Bono Associate (Margaux Bia, based in Brussels).

Please send a CV to:

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with the subject "**Pro Bono Internship Application Italy**" (no more than 2 pages long) and a covering letter or an e-mail (no more than 1 page) **by 10 August 2018** outlining how you meet the specifications and why you would like to work at DLA Piper. Please send the applications in English. Only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT PARTNERS

CILD: The Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights supports civil society organizations involved in human right protection, through a combination of policy analysis, advocacy, and strategy, media and public opinion training.

Pro Bono Italia: Pro Bono Italia is an association of lawyers promoting pro bono culture and practice in Italy. To date, it counts over twenty members, including the Italian offices of global law firms, independent Italian firms with an international vocation, individual lawyers and forensic associations.

APPLICATION PROCESS



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