

Tri-Valley CAREs

Justice For Sick Workers Intern

Who We Are:

Tri-Valley CAREs works to promote global security by stopping the further development of nuclear weapons in the U.S. Tri-Valley CAREs was founded in 1983 in Livermore, California, by concerned neighbors living around the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), one of two locations where all U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities.

Legal Intern Position:

Tri-Valley CAREs is offering law students and aspiring law students an opportunity to advocate for former Department of Energy workers and contractors who were made sick from their exposures on the job to radiation and other toxics. These workers were lied to about what a safe level of exposure was. Congress attempted to remedy this situation by passing the Energy Employees Occupational Illness and Compensation Program Act. Thus far this act has provided little compensation and huge amounts of red tape.

Tri-Valley CAREs has successfully advocated to reform the act in several key ways but much more must be done. Because Tri-Valley CAREs is a small organization, qualified interns will get hands on experience interviewing workers, reviewing statutes and regulations and developing legal analysis. Interns will interface with regulatory agencies, community groups, professional societies and congressional representatives.

Qualifications

- Strong desire to bring justice to sick workers
- Ability to read complex legal documents and draw out key points
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently on specified projects

Job Statement

- Working with community organizer, staff attorney and executive director, perform research, analysis, writing and public education duties concerning reform and implementation of sick worker compensation program.

Minimum Commitment

- 4-6 Months, with at least 12 hours per week. One day per week should be on-site at the Tri-Valley CAREs office in Livermore.

To Apply: send a cover letter, resume and writing sample to Loulena Miles:
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