



Internship Position

OVERVIEW OF THE [RIGHT TO COUNSEL NYC COALITION](#): In a single year, landlords use the housing court system in NYC to try to evict close to a million people. Until a year ago, the vast majority of tenants haven't had lawyers to represent them while all landlords have. At least half of the tenants who are evicted each year wouldn't be if they had attorneys. The Right to Counsel NYC Coalition formed to change this power dynamic, that not only leads to evictions, but also to displacement, gentrification and the loss of affordable housing. After a 3 year campaign, the RTCNYC Coalition won an amazing victory making NYC the first City in the nation to establish a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction. Over the next 4 years, this new right will be phased in. By July 2022, all NYC low-income tenants will have a right to an attorney to defend their homes. The Coalition is made up of tenant organizing groups, tenant advocates, academics and legal services organizations and is actively organizing and advocating to ensure that the law is implemented in a way that builds the power of the tenant movement.

RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE:

- Increase our social media presence by building our followers on twitter and facebook, creating social media plan, creating content such as memes, posts and videos that we can use strategically, monitoring and analyzing our following and more.
- Conduct research to develop strategy for the tenant organizing work, such as tracking eviction trends, researching the worst actors, etc.
- Support the work of the coalition in general by assisting with various projects including:
 - supporting the creation of curriculum on the history of the tenant movement,
 - creating outreach materials for the tenant organizing work,
 - support our work to pass [RTC 2.0](#), legislation that would work to increase the income threshold for RTC, expand the types of cases covered and fund organizing work
 - some administrative support

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION & SKILLS REQUIRED: A passion for social justice and social change; attention to detail; experience with social media; willingness to learn; work well individually and as a group; dynamic, honest, flexible, hardworking and fun!

EXPECTATIONS: We are looking for someone who can commit 5-10 hours a week; hours are flexible. The intern will work closely with the RTCNYC Coalition Coordinator and can work out of the RTCNYC office in downtown Manhattan or remotely.

TO APPLY: please email Susanna at susanna@righttocounselnyc.org with **RTCNYC Intern Application** in the subject line, outlining your interest, goals and experience.