

### **About The Death Penalty Project (DPP)**

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The Death Penalty Project is an international legal action charity, based in London, working to promote and protect the human rights of those facing the death penalty.

We provide free legal representation to death row prisoners around the world, with a focus on Commonwealth countries, to highlight miscarriages of justice and breaches of human rights. We also assist other vulnerable prisoners, such as foreign nationals, juveniles and those who suffer from mental health issues. To complement our legal activities, we conduct capacity-building activities for members of the judiciary, defence lawyers and prosecutors, and commission studies on criminal justice and human rights issues relating to the death penalty.

For more than three decades, our work has played a critical role in identifying miscarriages of justice, promoting minimum fair-trial guarantees in capital cases, and in establishing violations of domestic and international law. Through our legal work, the application of the death penalty has been restricted in many countries in line with international human rights standards.

### **About the Kalisher Trust**

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The Kalisher Trust exists to help people qualify as barristers and begin their professional career at the Criminal Bar. Set up in 1996, the Kalisher Trust helps talented students otherwise unable to come to the Criminal Bar due to financial constraints. We are immensely proud of the work we do, which identifies and encourages the brightest and best, regardless of background. Our role is to support talent, wherever we find it, and to ensure it is nurtured, encouraged, and used, in the best and proudest traditions of the Criminal Bar, for the public good.

The Kalisher scholarships are intended to encourage and assist those intending to practice at the Criminal Bar who demonstrate “exceptional promise but modest means”.

The Kalisher Trust internship at The Death Penalty Project will take place over nine months from September 2019 to June 2020 and will be based in The Death Penalty Project’s London office. Interns will be paid an award of £12,000 in total.

### **About the internship at The Death Penalty Project**

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The Kalisher intern will work with our legal team and with barristers instructed from Doughty Street Chambers in ongoing legal casework and on projects focusing on death penalty litigation in Commonwealth countries. You will undertake comparative research, draft submissions, prepare other court documents and will gain first-hand experience in litigation before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

You will also gain exposure to the workings of a legal NGO and a leading set of barristers' chambers. You will accompany us to meetings with lawmakers and NGOs, speaking engagements and events, as well as court hearings. Working closely with our in-house counsel, you will be expected to engage with colleagues as if you are a member of The Death Penalty Project team.

### **Who can apply?**

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The successful candidate will:

- have completed a law degree or Graduate Diploma in Law
- have completed or soon be taking the BPTC
- have an excellent academic record, and proven intellectual ability
- have a demonstrated interest in criminal law and the criminal justice system
- be motivated to succeed at the Criminal Bar, and have taken steps to develop skills and personal qualities necessary to succeed at the Criminal Bar
- have demonstrated potential as an advocate
- have excellent verbal and written communication skills
- be committed to the mission, vision and values of the DPP
- be able to demonstrate financial need (in confidence, candidates will be asked to supply the interview panel with appropriate evidence of need)

### **How to apply**

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To be considered for an internship please email a copy of your CV and a brief covering letter to [recruitment@deathpenaltyproject.org](mailto:recruitment@deathpenaltyproject.org). The covering letter should explain how you are of "exceptional promise but modest means", and indicate relevant education, skills and experience. Your CV should include the contact details of two referees (who will not be contacted until after the interview).

Please mark your email with 'KALISHER INTERNSHIP' in the subject line.

The closing date for applications is 30 June at 5pm.

Short listed candidates will be invited for an interview in the first week of July.

**The Death Penalty Project's internship programme is governed by the principles of equal opportunity.**