The Kalisher Trust Legal Internship at
The Death Penalty Project & Doughty Street
Chambers

About the Kalisher Trust

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. The Kalisher Trust aims to identify and encourage the brightest and best, regardless of background. Its role is to support talent, 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 Legal Internships are intended to encourage and assist those intending to practice at the Criminal Bar who demonstrate “exceptional promise but modest means”.

About the internship at The Death Penalty Project & Doughty Street Chambers

Kalisher DPP-DSC interns will work with our legal team and leading human rights barristers at Doughty Street Chambers and other chambers on ongoing casework and on projects focusing on death penalty litigation in Commonwealth countries. You will undertake comparative research, draft submissions, prepare 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. You will accompany us to meetings with lawmakers and NGOs, speaking engagements and events, as well as court hearings.

Internships are based at The Death Penalty Project’s office in London. One position is available per year, for a six-month period. The 2020 Internship will run between January 2021 to June 2021. The intern will receive a remuneration of £6,000 for this period.

Who can apply?

The successful candidate will:
• be committed to the mission, vision and values of the DPP
• 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 able to demonstrate financial need (in confidence, candidates will be asked to supply the interview panel with appropriate evidence of need)
How to apply

To be considered for an internship please email a copy of your CV and a brief covering letter to 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 September at 5pm BST.

Short listed candidates will be notified by 16 October and invited for an interview in the week commencing week of 16 November.

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