

Kott Gerontology Scholars
Center for Disability & Elder Law Legal Intern

CDEL hosts Kott Legal Interns each academic year. The Kott Legal Intern will be based at CDEL's main office, and CDEL will provide supervision for the student. The Kott Legal Intern must be a third year law student eligible for a 711 license. The internship lasts from August through graduation, and requires 720 hours of service. Interns receive a \$10,000 scholarship provided by the Kott Gerontology Institute.

The Kott Legal Intern is based in CDEL's office in the loop. We currently expect the internship to be a hybrid work opportunity that includes in-person activities and remote work. During the internship, the student works an average of 20 hours per week. Interns participate in all aspects of client files, including screening, intake, document review and full representation. Kott Legal Interns also have the opportunity to further work in interdisciplinary settings with social services agencies in order to gain a holistic perspective on aging issues. At the end of the academic year fellowship, the Kott intern will not only have competency in legal issues affecting seniors, but will also understand how social service agencies work to serve seniors.

The student will gain experience in the following practice areas and develop the stated skills through the objectives listed below.

Practice Areas

- Estate planning
- Guardianship
- Housing
- Collections
- Financial Abuse
- Family Law

Skills

- Interviewing seniors
- Document review
- Capacity evaluation
- Navigating families
- Litigation

Applications are included at the end of this packet. Please note completed applications are to be submitted to Michael Stone at mstone@cdelaw.org. Note that a car is **NOT** required for law student scholars. Questions about the legal internship should be directed to Michael Stone, CDEL's Legal Director. **Applications are reviewed as they are received.**

Objective	CDEL
Understand the necessity of community based services	Work with the Community Clinics to provide legal services in high-need communities including clinics directed at particular vulnerable populations
Create a simple estate plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Simple Wills 2. Draft Illinois Transfer on Death Instruments
Develop an understanding of the guardianship process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteer at the pro se guardianship help desk 2. Represent a petitioner filing for guardianship of the person
Become proficient in drafting Power of Attorney Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in Power of Attorney Workshops 2. Provide informational speaking engagements at senior centers and senior living communities
Assess collections cases, and the different remedies available	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete candidate intakes for collection cases and document review 2. Represent a client in a small claims action
Comprehend Illinois landlord tenant law	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete candidate intakes and document review 2. Defend client in eviction proceedings
Recognize elder financial abuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete candidate intakes and document review 2. Work with pro bono attorneys to recover assets
Know the ethical duties of working with elderly clients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate candidate capacity 2. Navigate capacity issues with family members

2022-23 Kott Gerontology Scholars Program Description

Overview: Since 2004, the Russell and Josephine Kott Charitable Trust has provided for paid internships to advanced graduate students with a focus on aging attending Chicago-area universities. The Kott Gerontology Institute administers the internship program. The intent of the Kott Gerontology Scholars Program is to encourage and support graduate students in a variety of professional specializations to develop skills that will prepare them to continue working with older adults after graduation.

The Consortium: The following agencies currently comprise the consortium and may serve as internship sites: Aging Care Connections (Lagrange), Center for Disability and Elder Law (Chicago), Concordia University, DuPage County Senior Services (Wheaton), North Shore Senior Services (Northfield), Oak Park Township Senior Services (Oak Park), Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (Palatine), PLOWS Council on Aging (Palos Heights), Age Options (Oak Park) and Rush University Healthy Aging Services. Several of the agencies have been designated by the Illinois Department on Aging as Case Coordination Units (CCU), and all of the agencies assess the needs and either arrange for or directly provide community-based services to seniors. Five of the agencies are Elder Abuse Provider Agencies for specific service areas. Each agency offers a set of core assessment and case management services, and individual agencies provide a range of other services that include adult day care, senior protective services, home delivered meals, homemakers, caregiver support, legal services, counseling and information and referral. Agencies offering placements may change yearly based on the availability of appropriate internship opportunities.

Scholarship Terms: Kott Gerontology Scholar Program provides a \$10,000 scholarship for a complete academic year, paid directly to interns' universities for deposit into their personal student accounts in three equal payments. Interns are expected to be registered as full-time students during their internships. Partial and part-year scholarships are not offered. The funds are for use by individual Kott Gerontology Scholars to defray academic expenses, including tuition, loan repayment and other expenses. It is the responsibility of interns to ensure that payments are deposited into their accounts by their respective universities. **Interns are required to participate in no less than 720 hours of on-site field experience, regardless of the field work requirements of their respective academic institutions. Interns will not receive field credit from consortium agencies until these hours have been completed in total.** Interns who fail to receive a passing grade in their field experience from their respective academic institutions for any grading period, withdraw from or change academic programs, voluntarily withdraw from the Kott Gerontology Scholars Program, fail to maintain adequate placement hours to complete the internship academic year, or are terminated by their consortium agency for any reason, will not receive the balance of any remaining scholarship payments. **Internship site assignments are the responsibility of consortium members, who take into consideration agency needs, interns' preferences, and commuting time in making assignments.**

Kott Scholars Profile: Kott Gerontology Scholars represent a range of professions that have included social work, psychology, counseling, law and dance movement therapy. The Kott Gerontology Institute strives to expand through its internships the range of professionals that will continue to serve seniors after graduation. Advanced students enrolled in graduate university programs in the Chicago area and accredited by the professional organizations that they represent are considered for internships.

The Internship Experience: The Kott Gerontology Scholars Program provides intensive training. Interns are assigned to a primary agency for a placement that requires 720 hours of on-site participation over a complete and continuous academic year, or approximately three full days per week from September through May. In order to encourage interns to learn from each other and share their experiences, Kott interns meet together as a group on several occasions during the school year, participate in a dinner for all previous Kott Scholars, and are required to complete a project that meets the needs of the agency in which they are placed. Most students spend some time working at their respective agencies during school vacations to complete their hours and to provide continuity of services to clients. Because Kott consortium agencies serve clients in broad geographic areas,

interns are required to provide their own automobile transportation and submit documentation of personal insurance for vehicles upon acceptance to the program. Interns do not transport clients in their work.

2022-23 Kott Gerontology Scholars Application Guidelines

Application Procedures: To be considered for admission to the 2022-23 Kott Gerontology Scholars Program, applicants should complete the following steps in the on-line application process. **Applications are reviewed as they are received.**

Applications will be reviewed continuously in the order that they are received.

1. Complete the Kott Gerontology Institute Scholars Program Application. Applications are available on our website <http://kottinstitute.org>.
2. Submit a resume that includes educational history, employment, and practicum and volunteer experiences.
3. Request two personal references. One reference must be submitted by a faculty member of their current academic program who is familiar with the applicant's academic performance and interest, preparation and experience in gerontology, or other experience relevant to the internship. The second reference should be from an individual who has supervised the applicant outside of the academic setting. **For applicants who previously have completed or are currently involved in a practicum experience, the second reference must be provided by the applicant's supervisor from that placement.** References will be accepted by e-mail attachments with electronic signatures, or in pdf format that includes a signature.

Submit application materials and references by e-mail, with attached documents in pdf or MS Word-compatible format, to:

Michael Stone
Legal Director
Center for Disability & Elder Law
mstone@cdelaw.org
Subject Line – “Kott Application 2022-23”

4. Applicants will be informed by e-mail when their applications are complete.
5. Kott coordinators from consortium agencies will review applications in the order that they are received and select candidates for individual, in-person interviews with representatives from the agencies.
6. Based on applicants' work and field experiences, academic records, statements of interest in gerontology, references and personal interviews, the consortium coordinators will select potential candidates to be contacted and offered internships.

2021-22 Kott Gerontology Scholars Program Internship Application

Social Security Number	
Legal Last/Family Name	Name Suffix (e.g., Jr., III)
First Name	Middle Name
Date of Birth	Preferred Pronouns
E-Mail Address	Phone Number
Address	
Permanent Address if Different	

College and University Information

Name of college and location (city and state, or country) <i>(most recent first)</i>	Dates				Degree(s) previously earned and date(s)	How many semester hrs./quarter hrs. have you completed?	If you are enrolled now, for how many hours?
	From		To				
	M o.	Yr.	M o.	Yr.			

Identifying Information

City or Town of Birth	State (or country) of Birth	Are you a citizen of the United States? yes no
If not, what country?	Type of Visa	Alien Registration Number
Driver's License Number	State In Which Driver's License Was Issued	

Name of Person To Be Contacted In Case of Emergency

Name	Relationship
Street Address (include apartment or unit number)	Area Code Telephone Number

List any graduate school coursework on older adults that you will have completed prior to beginning an internship.

Briefly describe any experience you have had working with older adults.

If you are currently involved in or have completed a practicum experience in your field, describe it briefly.

Briefly describe your interest in the internship program and how you would plan to apply the experience to future work settings.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PLEASE REQUEST TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ONE FROM A PERSON IN YOUR CURRENT PROGRAM OF STUDY FAMILIAR WITH YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND ONE FROM A PERSON WHO HAS SUPERVISED YOUR WORK OUTSIDE AN ACADEMIC SETTING. **IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN OR HAVE COMPLETED A PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE AS PART OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, THE SECOND LETTER SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY YOUR AGENCY FIELD WORK SUPERVISOR.** ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE SUBMIT A CURRENT RESUME THAT INCLUDES YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, AND EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES.

This application, resume, and signed reference letters should be returned by e-mail (pdf or Word-compatible format), to:

Michael Stone
CDEL Legal Director
mstone@cdelaw.org