



Developing Environmental Law Champions

Strengthening the Capacity For Environmental and Climate Change Laws
in Asia and the Pacific



Environmental Law Internship

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Purpose of Internship

- Enable students to develop problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Provide practical experience through working on real legal cases or real-life environmental issues
- Develop ethical skills and judgment through engagement with “social justice” issues
- Contribute to the advancement of advocacy (legal/political) within a particular social and legal context



Law Internships in the Philippines

- Summer law interns are assigned with public interest law groups
- Law interns undergo a basic orientation seminar and immersion
- All such activities are undertaken under the close supervision of an experienced lawyer.
- Some law interns who become lawyers work with public interest environmental law groups



Activities of Environmental Law Interns

- Interviewing Clients
- Conducting community legal empowerment activities (awareness sessions, trainings and cliniquing with lawyers)
- Representing clients in public hearings or court proceedings



Activities undertaken in Internships



- Preparation of sworn statements or affidavits
- Writing letters or submissions on behalf of clients on legal or policy issues
- Legal research
- Drafting written arguments for submission to courts

