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## Melbourne Law School and Voiceless Vacation Internship (Sydney)

Voiceless is an independent non-profit think tank dedicated to alleviating the suffering of animals in Australia. Established by father and daughter team, Brian Sherman AM and Ondine Sherman, Voiceless:

- Creates and fosters networks of leading lawyers, politicians and academics to influence law and public policy;
- Conducts high quality research and analysis of animal industries, exposing legalised cruelty and promoting informed debate;
- Creates a groundswell for social change by building and fortifying the Australian animal protection movement with select Grants and Prizes; and
- Aims to inform consumers and empower them to make animal-friendly choices.

Voiceless is currently seeking applications from law students for an unpaid internship position at its office in Sydney. Interns will work closely with Voiceless's Corporate Counsel and will be involved in:

- Analysing and preparing submissions on bills, legislation and policies affecting animals;
- Drafting reports, articles and information on general animal law matters;
- Providing general administrative support for Voiceless' legislative work; and
- Performing other duties to support the work of Voiceless's legal arm.

Interns must have excellent communication, legal writing and research skills and must be able to perform work in an efficient and timely manner. Although experience in an animal protection organisation is preferred, Voiceless would welcome applications from law students in their penultimate or final year of law who are conscientious, innovative and productive, and who have a strong interest in animal protection.

Interns will be required to work full-time for 3-6 weeks as negotiated with Melbourne Law School and Voiceless and may be able to obtain credit towards the JD or LLB internship subjects. Students wishing to obtain subject credit must consult with the Melbourne Law School Internship Coordinator. Successful applicants will be required to make their own accommodation and travel arrangements; however limited financial assistance from Melbourne Law School may be available for students taking the internship as subject credit. Students will need to obtain an application form from the Student Centre.

If you are interested in applying for an internship position, please send your cover letter, CV (including all academic transcripts) to Katrina Sharman, Corporate Counsel (Voiceless). Your application should include your preferred dates. If you are interested in taking the internship over the June/July mid semester break, please submit your application to Voiceless by **Monday 15 June 2009**. At this stage, an internship will also be available during the Summer vacation period.

Applicants **must also register their interest** with Helen Green at the Careers Office [h.green@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:h.green@unimelb.edu.au) For further information about the position, please contact Katrina Sharman at Voiceless [ksharman@voiceless.org](mailto:ksharman@voiceless.org) or visit [www.voiceless.org.au](http://www.voiceless.org.au)

All other enquiries should be directed to Helen Green in the first instance.