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## ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH JUSTICE

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... to our summer interns!



## Abby Kritta

I'm a rising second-year law student at [Boston College Law School](#), with a B.S. in English and Spanish from the [University of Michigan](#). My experience has consisted primarily of promoting mental health awareness and understanding mental healthcare inequities, as well as studying the relationship between food insecurity and socioeconomic status. During my time at MLPB, I want to better understand health disparities, legal assistance access for individuals affected by COVID-19, and the intersection between health policy and law.

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## Caitrin Spottiswoode

I'm a rising junior at [Wellesley College](#), double majoring in Biochemistry and Women's and Gender Studies. I am currently a pre-med student with a particular interest in sexual and reproductive health and education. As part of the [Lumpkin Summer Institute for Service-Learning](#), I am excited to intern at MLPB to understand health from a holistic perspective, in which emergency care is only one piece of an extensive puzzle. Whether my interests ultimately guide me in the direction of medicine or public health, I am eager to better understand the connection between social health, medicine, and policy.



***Spotlight:***

**[References & Commentary at the Intersection of](#)**

## **Health, Justice and Structural Violence**

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### ***Access to Justice***

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- [Protecting the Hidden Homeless During COVID-19 and Beyond](#) (*Health Affairs*, May 22, 2020)

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MLPB believes in the power of justice to advance health. We equip health ecosystem teams with problem-solving strategies that disrupt the evolution of a person's social, economic, or environmental need into a legal — and health — crisis.

Through robust training and technical assistance, we help workforce partners understand their unique capacities to *unlock access* to a range of health-promoting benefits, services, and legal protections — thereby advancing health equity.

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