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ABA CENTER FOR INNOVATION ANNOUNCES NEW FELLOWSHIP

I. 4th Annual Federal Government Attorney Career Fair

Are you interested in serving the public? Want to learn about legal internship opportunities, attorney honors programs, and attorney careers with the U.S. government? Attend the 4th Annual Federal Government Career Fair!

Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 Time: 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM Place: 290 Broadway, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10278

Program will feature:

- Remarks by the Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- > Many and varied Federal agencies will participate!
- > The opportunity to speak directly with representatives from Federal agencies, many of whom are actively recruiting for internships and/or attorney positions.
- > A chance to learn about the application process for honors programs, legal internships, and full-time attorney positions.
- > A chance to drop off your resume and gain new contacts!

To register, please **email your name, law school, and year of graduation** or expected graduation to <u>NY.OGC.FedFairRSVP@ssa.gov</u>. There is no fee to attend. Each student will receive an individual confirmation email. <u>Space is limited so reserve your spot right away!</u>

II. PRO BONO UPDATE

Rutgers Law School Pro Bono Program.

The Rutgers pro bono program offers a broad range of well-supervised service-learning projects through which our students have the opportunity to engage in law-related service through which they gain valuable legal experience, while providing much needed legal assistance to low-income communities. During the fall 2016 semester, **246 Rutgers students** enrolled in one of our structured pro bono programs. For more information about the Program, please contact Susan J. Feathers. The following are among the many projects through which Rutgers Law students can participate in law-related service:

- Courtroom Advocates Project: students assist victims of domestic violence with filing pro se petitions. Advocates help victims of domestic violence draft petitions for protective orders, advocate for them in their initial appearance in Family Court, and provide them with safety planning and referrals to need resources.
- Honorable Morris Stern Bankruptcy Assistance Project: The Honorable Morris Stern Bankruptcy Pro Bono Project (BPBP) at Rutgers Law School seeks to further two important goals: providing pro bono bankruptcy assistance to an underserved population and mentoring second- and third-year law students in the actual practice of law. This project

gives students the rare opportunity to handle a case from start to finish; from the client interview, to the drafting of the petition, to attendance of the confirmation hearing.

- Hurricane Sandy Relief Project: Students devote 30 hours of law-related service work for Legal Services of New Jersey's Sandy Relief Project during spring break. This opportunity is open to ALL students; including 1Ls.
- International Refugee Assistance Project: Teams of student-lawyer volunteers assist refugee families seeking resettlement in the US. IRAP provides students a unique opportunity to gain real legal and client experience within a supportive framework. Typical work includes: preparing client interview questions and interviewing clients; submitting a Freedom of Information Act request; drafting affidavits; crafting case strategy; gathering supporting evidence; conducting legal research.
- LGBT Legal Education and Outreach Project: students have the opportunity to collaborate with the law school's LGBTQ Caucus, the Center for Gender Sexuality and Law and Policy and the NYC LGBT Bar Association, this project is the first NJ based LGBTQ legal advice center. Students and pro bono attorneys provide legal advice and referrals through a weekly intake at various NJ based public interest organizations.
- > **National Lawyers Guild Observer Project:** Established by Arthur Kinoy in 1968, the Legal Observer program is part of a comprehensive system of legal express their political views as fully as possible without unconstitutional disruption or interference by the police and with the fewest possible consequences from the criminal justice system.
- Streetlaw Project: Launched in 2006, Street Law trains law students to teach a law-related curriculum designed to empower youth and adults to become more active citizens. Among Street Law's goals are educating the community about their legal rights and responsibilities and providing students with the opportunity to cultivate stronger legal research and presentation skills.
- VLJ Projects: Under the supervision of experience attorneys, students can select to participate in one of five of VLJ's limited scope projects through which students can provide legal assistance to low-income clients in the following areas: (1) Consumer Debt; (2) Veterans' Wellness; (3) Pro Se Divorce; and (4) Expungement Projects.

PRO BONO PROGRAM: FAQs

What is pro bono? Law students are often unclear about the precise definition of pro bono and what it encompasses. The term comes from the Latin —Pro Bono Public, which means —for the public good. The American Bar Association has described the parameters of pro bono for practicing lawyers in the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Model Rule 6.1 states that lawyers should aspire to render – without fee—at least 50 hours per year of pro bono legal services, with an emphasis that these services be provided to people of limited means or nonprofit organizations that serve the poor. Model Rule 6.1 also allows for free or substantially reduced service on behalf of a variety of professional, governmental, educational, and civic organizations.

What are the governing rules and standards for pro bono? Under American Bar Association Standard 302 (b) (2) law students must offer substantial opportunities for students participating in pro bono activities. Under the rule, law schools are not precluded from including credit-granting activities, but law school are requires to have law-related non-credit bearing initiatives as part of their program. In addition, the Preamble to the Standards mandates that law schools "must provide an educational program that ensures that its graduates...understand the law as a public profession calling for the performance of pro bono legal services."

What is the Rutgers pro bono program? The Rutgers pro bono program provides unique opportunities for students to engage in law-related service under the supervision of a lawyer. Those students who perform 50 or more hours of service are recognized at graduation. The program works with select organizations and partners in developing structured service-learning opportunities.

How can my organization recruit students through the pro bono program? Attorneys, faculty members, and others seeks students through the pro bono program, must complete an on-line application. In addition, all community partners must adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Pro Bono Community Partner Manual. In addition, both students and supervisors can participate in ongoing trainings on cultural competency, best practices in supervision, and ethics in the context of pro bono practice.

What is unique about the Rutgers pro bono program? The Rutgers pro bono program has cultivated and sustained relationships with hundreds of public interest organizations and worked in collaboration with law school faculty, alumni, and the broader community in creating meaningful opportunities for our students. Through these relationships, we have launched innovative, collaborative projects enable Rutgers students to gain meaningful service-learning experience, while also providing invaluable support to the community. Among the programs "signature" projects include the first NJ based International Refugee Assistance Pro Bono Project, the first LGBTQ Legal Education Project (funded by the RU Chancellor's Office), and the Honorable Morris Stern Bankruptcy Assistance Pro Bono Projects.

Does the pro bono program partner with faculty and other Rutgers Law School programs? Yes. The program works with faculty, centers, and in-house clinics, in developing a continuum of opportunities through which students can fulfill their ethical obligation to perform pro bono service, while also gaining legal experience.

How does the Rutgers pro bono program align with the Rutgers-N strategic plan? The Rutgers pro bono program is aligned with the university's goals of promoting service-learning; integrating existing resources to create innovative collaborative programs; and to promote publicly engaged scholarship.

What are the benefits to participation in pro bono? Pro bono work during law school assists law students in develops professionalism and an understanding of a lawyer's responsibility to the community. In general, our pro bono projects offer all participants an opportunity to service the community and increase the availability of legal services to needy populations. Both students and attorneys enhance their knowledge and marketability, gaining practical experience, developing skills, enhancing their reputations and exploring alternative career opportunities.

How is pro bono different than in-house clinics? Our pro bono program provides students with limited scope opportunities to gain hands on legal experience. The focus of our pro bono program is on insuring that students are sensitized to the needs of the poor and can gain hands on legal experience. While we encourage students to gain service-learning experience, this experience is *not* a substitute for the rigorous and academic training students receive through our in-house clinical programs.

NY Pro Bono Requirement FAQs

What is the pro bono requirement? In order to encourage law students to provide assistance to those in need, court rules require that applicants seeking to be admitted to the New York State bar will need to demonstrate that they have completed 50 hours of qualifying pro bono work prior to submitting their applications for admission. Completing this requirement is the responsibility of the student, but the Law School offers assistance in locating placements.

Does this apply to me? You must fulfill this requirement if you are applying for admission to the New York State bar.

Does my work count?

Work must be:

- Legal work (not non-legal community service)
- Supervised by an attorney
- Generally speaking, on behalf of low-income people who cannot otherwise afford representation, OR work at a government agency or court

I received a public interest fellowship from the school. Does my work still count? If your work otherwise counts, receipt of a grant or stipend from the school does *not* disqualify the work.

Does clinical work apply? Yes.

Does a judicial externship satisfy the requirement? Yes.

I did some pro bono work at my firm last summer. Does that count? Possibly. Pro bono work may count if the firm did not pay you a bonus or separate compensation for the work, and the work otherwise met the requirements listed above (e.g., supervised by an attorney, for low-income individuals, etc.).

When and where do I have to complete the requirement?

Work must be completed:

- After you started law school
- > Before you apply for admission to the bar

I did volunteer work before law school. Does that count? No. You can only count hours completed after you began law school.

Do I have to complete the requirement before I graduate? No. You can complete the requirement after you graduate, so long as you complete it before applying for admission to the bar. However, we strongly encourage you to complete your hours while in law school, as it can be more challenging to find available projects immediately after the bar exam.

I worked at two different places. Can I combine the hours to satisfy the requirement? Yes. So long as the work at each location would count toward the requirement, you can combine the hours, BUT you must submit a separate affidavit for each place you have worked that you are counting toward the requirement.

Where do I get this form? The Affidavit of Compliance is available here

Do I turn this in at the law school? No. This is a requirement of the New York State courts, not a requirement of Rutgers Law School. You must submit your documentation along with your application for admission to the New York State bar.

I am filling out my affidavit and was wondering if I should have the current lawyer at the office where I worked sign it, or the lawyer that was there when I interned. The form affidavit provides for the attorney who actually supervised the work to sign the affidavit.

I still have questions. Where do I get more information? The rule itself can be accessed <u>here</u>

The Court has also posted an extensive set of FAQs, and they can be found here

NY 50 Hour Projects: Top Picks!

We recognize that not *all* students are able to participate in our structured pro bono projects, and therefore, also maintain a list of organizations through which you can fulfill the NY pro bono requirement. Among the most well -known projects include the following:

CUNY Citizenship Now

Provides high quality and confidential immigration service to help individuals on their path to US citizenship. Volunteer attorneys, law students and paralegal offers one-one consultations to assess participant's eligibility for legal benefits.

To get involved, complete the form <u>here</u>

Family Law Center

This organization represents clients in all five boroughs of NYC in housing, family, public benefits and willes. There are a multidisciplinary team of social workers, researchers and lawyers who work to help clients achieve economic, family and housing stability. To get involved, send a brief cover letter, resume and writing sample to: jobs@familycenter.org.

> Legal Aid Access to Benefits Help Line

The Legal Aid Society is seeking volunteer assistance to help staff our Access to Benefits (A2B) Hotline, which is open for calls every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and run from the Society's 199 Water Street location. Volunteers work alongside Legal Aid Society staff to answer the hotline, identify questions and legal issues, record basic information about each caller's issues, and provide advice when appropriate: no law degree is required. Our experienced A2B Hotline Coordinator supervises all volunteers.

How to Get Involved:

Contact Emily Lundgren, Pro Bono Administrator at the Legal Aid Society

(T): 212.577.3919 | elundgren@legal-aid.org

All volunteer inquiries must include a copy of the students resume and a list of dates the student is interested in registering to volunteer.

www.legal-aid.org/en/probono/volunteerprobono.aspx

> New York Legal Assistance Group

NYLAG routinely offers one-day legal clinics in the community to address urgent and other largescale needs. Participants undergo training in the legal issues addressed in the clinic and are supervised by NYLAG staff attorneys. NYLAG has several different one-day legal clinic volunteer opportunities available. Pro bono attorneys, law grads and law students and interpreters are welcome to participate. All NYLAG One-Day Legal Clinics will count toward the 50-hour pro bono requirement for admission to the New York State Bar.

To get involved, contact Jaida Samuels at <u>volunteer@nylag.org</u> http://nylag.org/get-involved/pro-bono-opportunities/one-day-legal-clinic-opportunities

III. EVENTS and TRAININGS

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR JUSTICE PRO BONO PROJECTS ORIENTATION January 19, 2017, 12:15, Martini Lecture Hall

This session will provide students with information about the many service-learning opportunities available through Volunteer Lawyers for Justice. Students working with these projects receive intensive training, ongoing supervision, and an opportunity to gain hands on experience at one of the nation's leading public interest organizations! Among the many projects in which our students can participate include projects in the following areas:

- ✓ CONSUMER
- ✓ DIVORCE
- ✓ EXPUNGEMENT
- ✓ VETERANS' WELLNESS

LEGAL AID SOCIETY: 4th Annual Diversity Reception

January 19, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY

The Legal Aid Society, in partnership with the Attorneys of Color and LGBT Caucuses of the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys (ALAA), welcomes 1L and 2L law students to attend our Fourth Annual Diversity Fair.

The Legal Aid Society is the oldest and largest law firm for low-income New Yorkers. They offer law students the opportunity to advocate for social justice, while developing the legal skills they need to compete in the workforce.

The Diversity Fair will offer law students the opportunity to network with Legal Aid Society supervisors and staff attorneys who are people of color and/or LGBT, and learn more about internship and job opportunities at The Legal Aid Society.

WHY ATTEND?

- (1) Networking opportunities are available for persons from all diverse communities, including networking with attorneys and supervisors who are People of Color and/or LGBT;
- (2) Meet attorneys from the civil, criminal defense, and juvenile rights practice areas;
- (3) Obtain information about the internship application process

RSVP to recruitmentbcs@legal-aid.org by January 13, 207.

ANNUAL ROBERT COVER RETREAT: Dreaming of Freedom, Working Toward a Liberated Reality

For one weekend a year, The Robert M. Cover Retreat brings together law students, academics and practitioners committed to public interest to share their experiences, educate on the complexities and nuances of public interest law, network and reinvigorate their commitment to this important work.

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- > Connecting students with common goals and interests from across the country;
- Creating a network of professors, peers, and practitioners for students headed toward careers in public interest;
- Providing a forum for discussions about change and growth pertaining to public interest law; and
- Providing a platform for change in the public interest sector and perceptions about public interest law.

When: March 3-5, 2017

Where: Sargent Center, Peterborough, NH

Cost: \$195 (includes retreat fees, lodging, and all meals/food).

What: The Robert M. Cover Retreat brings together law students, academics and practitioners committed to public interest to share their experiences, network and reinvigorate their commitment to this important work.

Website: <u>https://www.law.yale.edu/coverretreat17</u>

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/CoverRetreat

IV. SUMMER FUNDING FOR PUBLIC INTEREST INTERNSHIPS

AFL-CIO UNION SUMMER Deadline: January 16, 2017

Law Student Union Summer (LSUS) is a unique and exciting 10-week internship for law students that combines front-line, labor-related public interest legal work with grassroots organizing in ongoing campaigns by AFL-CIO-affiliated unions throughout the country.

LSUS interns are involved in community outreach, member mobilization, corporate and other nonlegal research, legislative campaigns and general litigation.

Job Description: Responsibilities may include interviewing workers and drafting memoranda with factual and legal analysis in connection with presenting evidence to the National Labor Relations Board in unfair labor practice investigations and administrative hearings or to similar state public sector agencies. Labor-related public interest work may be performed in connection with issues that may arise during organizing or contract campaigns, such as: wage and hour violations, discrimination claims, immigration issues, environmental regulatory actions, whistle-blower protections and/or others. Organizing activities, including canvassing, planning and implementing solidarity-building activities and participating in meetings and home visits, are another primary component of the program. Travel may be required; work will vary from placement to placement;

students may be based in an organizing office, local union, and national union headquarters or law firm.

Interns work on site at organizations throughout the US (not in Washington, D.C.). The weekly stipend is \$600 and transportation and housing are provided. Attorneys and union organizers supervise interns. The program starts May 31, 2016, and runs through Aug. 5, 2016.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the practice of labor-related public interest law and may be first or second year students; students who have taken one or more labor law courses and who have experience in organizing and/or community activism are preferred.

Application Instructions: Submit a Law Student Union Summer application, with a cover letter (see application for requirements), résumé, writing sample, law school transcript (may be unofficial) and current contact information for three references (preferably a combination of academic and/or work/internship-related). Send your application materials to AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer by email (preferred) or regular mail to:

AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer 815 16th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Email: Lsus@aflcio.org Phone: 202-637-5385

SUMMER 2017 INTERNSHIP POSTINGS V.



Disability Rights New Jersey (DRNJ) is seeking legal interns for summer 2017. DRNJ is a private, non-profit, **DISABILITY**RIGHTS **NEWJERSEY** consumer-directed organization established to advoct for and advance the human, civil and legal rights of citizens of New Jersey with disabilities. DRNJ operation nine federally funded programs and serves as New consumer-directed organization established to advocate citizens of New Jersey with disabilities. DRNJ operates Jersey's protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities. DRNJ's legal staff engages in direct

representation of clients in a wide range of disability law, such as matters regarding discrimination, healthcare, housing, employment, and special education.

Job Description: Interns will support DRNJ attorneys in direct representation of clients including interviewing and investigating cases, attending and second-seating administrative hearings, legal research and drafting briefs and motions, and may also be involved in project or systemic based legal research. Interns will be expected to work from DRNJ's office in Trenton, NJ.

Qualifications: DRNJ seeks interns with strong academic credentials who have completed at least one year of law school and have an interest in disability law and civil rights. Stipends are available.

Application Instructions: Interested 1Ls and 2Ls may apply by submitting a résumé and cover letter to August Pozgay at apozgay@drnj.org. Review of applications will begin February 1, 2017 and the positions will

For more information, visit: https://www.drnj.org/

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS AMERICORPS JD PROGRAM

Elder Justice Legal Corps, and VISTA Affordable Housing Preservation Project

Bath, NY Elmira, NY Geneva, NY Ithaca, NY Jamestown, NY Olean, NY Rochester, NY

About Organization: Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.[®] (LawNY[®]) is a regional law firm providing legal assistance to low-income persons throughout a fourteen-county area of Western New York from seven staffed offices. LawNY[®] receives funding from the Legal Services Corporation, New York State Office of Court Administration, Interest on Lawyer Account (IOLA) Fund of the State of New York, AmeriCorps, Equal Justice Works and numerous municipalities, foundations, and donors. Our workforce includes approximately 140 attorneys, paralegals, and support staff.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The AmeriCorps JD Program engages law students around the country who are working to expand the delivery of legal services to those who need it most.

AmeriCorps JD: Employment Opportunity Legal Corps (EOLC)

LawNY® is seeking 8 AmeriCorps JD EOLC students who will spend a majority of their time working on removing barriers to employment for economically-disadvantaged individuals. Students will provide assistance to attorneys working with former criminal offenders and other disadvantaged persons in removing barriers to employment. Projects and activities may include: completing and filing applications for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities and Certificates of Good Conduct, correcting criminal record errors, assisting with driver's license and occupational license issues, and enforcing compliance with New York's Human Rights Law which prohibits employment discrimination based upon criminal records. Students may also work on other civil legal assistance matters including housing, disability, unemployment insurance, or foreclosure issues per the student's interests and LawNY®'s needs.

AmeriCorps JD: Veterans Legal Corps (VLC)

LawNY® is seeking 8 AmeriCorps JD VLC students who will spend a majority of their time assisting with LawNY®'s representation of veterans and military families. Projects and activities may include: assisting veterans and military families in eviction and landlord-tenant matters, preventing foreclosure, obtaining health and disability benefits, and providing assistance with child support and other family law matters, consumer and medical debt issues, and matters related to removing barriers to employment. Students may also work on other civil legal assistance matters unrelated to veterans or military families including housing, disability, unemployment insurance, or foreclosure issues per the student's interests and LawNY®'s needs.

AmeriCorps JD: Elder Justice Legal Corps (EJLC)

LawNY® is seeking 4 AmeriCorps JD EJLC students who will spend a majority of their time assisting elderly victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Projects and activities may include: assembling evidence, conducting interviews, researching relevant law, presenting know-your-rights sessions at senior centers, nursing homes or assisted living communities, data collection on the nature of abuse and services provided, and legal issues for clients receiving services. Students may also work on other civil legal assistance matters unrelated to veterans or military families including housing, disability, unemployment insurance, or foreclosure issues per the student's interests and LawNY®'s needs.

AmeriCorps JD: VISTA Affordable Housing Preservation Project (VAHPP)

LawNY® is seeking 4 AmeriCorps JD EJC students who will spend a majority of their time working to preserve at-risk ProjectBased Section 8 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)-assisted properties with the VISTA Affordable Housing Preservation Project (VAHPP). VISTA VAHPP AmeriCorps JD interns will help the VISTA fellows form and support strong tenant associations that will effectively advocate for their own safe, healthy, and affordable housing. Specifically, the interns will attend membership meetings and present "Know Your Rights and Responsibilities" workshops; interview residents and conduct research to properly identify the legal challenges of each relevant building; assist fellows in developing by-laws and incorporate tenant associations; coordinate the facilitation of meetings and/or mediations between tenant associations, landlords, and HUD representatives; and represent tenant associations at administrative hearings. Students may also work on other civil legal assistance matters unrelated to veterans or military families including housing, disability, unemployment insurance, or foreclosure issues per the student's interests and LawNY®'s needs.

COMPENSATION:

AmeriCorps JD is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides law students with the opportunity to earn an AmeriCorps education award voucher of \$1,212 that can be used to pay educational expenses or student loans. Students may seek up to \$4,300 in additional compensation for their service, for <u>a total of up to \$5,512 in compensation</u>. The \$4,300 in additional compensation may be funded by a Federal Work Study Award, the student's law school, local bar foundation, and/or other public interest fellowship award. In addition, students are welcome to hold outside employment to supplement their income. Service hours may also be used to satisfy the requirement that applicants complete 50 hours of pro bono services in order to be admitted to the New York State bar. Students may not, however, earn class credit for their service hours.

Students must complete 300 hours of service within one year of their start date. Students may choose to work 30 hours per week for 10 weeks over the summer or may spread their hours over their winter session, spring semester, and/or summer 2017 as they prefer and as it fits with LawNY®. Requirements to serve include completion of National Sex Offender Public Registry check, state criminal background check(s), FBI Fingerprint criminal background check, and submission of proof of U.S. citizenship.

LOCATIONS:

Students may apply to work in any of LawNY®'s seven offices: Bath, Elmira, Geneva, Ithaca, Jamestown, Olean, or Rochester.

TO APPLY: Please submit a **cover letter, resume, and list of three references** to <u>mazemi@lawny.org</u> by **January 31, 2017**. In your cover letter, please indicate whether you wish to work on Veterans Legal Corps, Employment Opportunity Legal Corps, Elder Justice Corps or VAHPP. Please also indicate the office location you would like to work. More information is available at <u>http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/americorpsjd</u>.

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.



THE EXONERATION INITIATIVE (EXI)

The Exoneration Initiative ("EXI") seeks second and third year law student applicants for a volunteer internship in the summer of 2017. Law student interns will assist EXI staff in evaluating cases for potential innocence claims, conducting legal research, writing memoranda, and conducting inhouse investigations. There may also be an opportunity for interns to assist in writing articles or studies in the area of wrongful convictions and to accompany EXI attorneys to court appearances. This intenship is an exceptional opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career in criminal law, whether on the prosecution or defense side - your work here will provide you with insight into all facets of the criminal justice system, from creative forms of investigation to pioneering work in advancing the "actual innocence doctrine" in New York courts.

The ideal applicant will be a second or third year law student with a demonstrated passion for social justice, excellent research, writing, and speaking (communication) skills. As our interns will be constantly theorizing and debating, a desire and ability to think outside the box are essential. Those who have taken evidence and/or criminal procedure courses preferred, but all applications will be considered. Interns will work out of our office in downtown Manhattan, and will preferably dedicate the whole summer on a full-time basis. Prospective interns should be available for interviews in our office in February (or telephone interviews).

For more information about our organization, please visit our website at www.exi.org.

Application Instructions:

Send **a resume, cover letter and writing sample** to Rebecca Freedman at <u>rfreedman@exi.org</u>, and cc <u>kreimels@exi.org</u>. Please indicate in the subject line: "Summer internship application." Transcripts not necessary.

38TH ANNUAL SUMMER LAW INTERNSHIP PROGRAM VOLUNTEER LAW STUDENTS - STATEWIDE

New York, NY Albany, NY Binghamton, NY Buffalo, NY Syracuse, NY Hauppauge, NY Mineola, NY White Plains, NY Plattsburgh, NY Poughkeepsie, NY Rochester, NY Watertown, NY

OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

http://www.ag.ny.gov

Job Description: The Office of the New York State Attorney General is seeking talented law students for its 2017 Summer Law Internship Program (SLIP). The SLIP officially runs for **8 weeks** between June and July (10 week appointments are available, if required by the applicant's funding source). The 2017 SLIP will begin on **June 5, 2017**. Interns commit to work full-time for the entire duration of the program. These internships are either volunteer positions, externships for course credit, funded by a public service grant obtained by the student, or work study funded by a law school.

Placements are available statewide within the Divisions of Criminal Justice, Economic Justice, Social Justice, State Counsel, Appeals and Opinions, Regional Affairs, Executive and Administration. Law students are needed to assist attorneys in all phases of their work including but not limited to: legal research; drafting of briefs, memos and pleadings; document review; responding to discovery requests; preparing for depositions and trials; and performing some clerical work. We are seeking hardworking interns who are committed to public service and have excellent legal research and writing skills; fluency in other languages (e.g., Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Korean, etc.) in addition to English is a plus, but not required. U.S. citizenship and New York State residency are not required.

Students selected for the SLIP will be assigned to one of the bureaus in the main offices in either Manhattan or Albany, or to one of the smaller regional offices. The practice area of a bureau is generally reflected in its name. Our regional offices are located in Binghamton, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Suffolk, Nassau, Plattsburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Watertown; and Westchester. The regional offices are full-service locations that handle matters such as: consumer fraud complaints and mediations; consumer frauds and related criminal prosecutions; civil rights and labor law prosecutions; and the investigation and prosecution of environmental law violations. In addition, they handle State Counsel matters in defense of the state, its agencies and employees in lawsuits brought in state and federal courts. For more information about the work of a bureau or regional office, please click <u>here</u> to visit the Divisions Section of our website.

Salary

Unpaid

Application Instructions: Follow the link below to apply to a particular practice area in the specified location

Antitrust Manhattan

Appeals & Opinions Albany

Appeals & Opinions Manhattan

Binghamton Regional Office Binghamton

Brooklyn Regional Office Brooklyn

Buffalo Regional Office Buffalo

Charities (Regulation of Non-Profit Organizations) Albany

Charities (Regulation of Non-Profit Organizations) Manhattan

Civil Recoveries (Recoups monies owed to NYS agencies) Albany

Civil Rights Manhattan

Claims Albany

Claims Manhattan

Consumer Frauds Albany

Consumer Frauds Manhattan

Contracts Approval Unit Albany

Conviction Review Manhattan

Criminal Appeals & Federal Habeas Corpus Manhattan Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes Albany Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes Buffalo Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes Manhattan Division of Criminal Justice Syracuse Environmental Protection Albany Environmental Protection **Buffalo** Environmental Protection Manhattan **Executive Office Manhattan** Harlem Regional Office Health Care **Albany** Health Care Manhattan Internet Manhattan Investor Protection Manhattan Labor Manhattan Litigation (Fed/State Defensive Lit.) Albany Litigation (Fed/State Defensive Lit.) Manhattan Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Hauppauge Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Manhattan Nassau Regional Office Mineola Organized Crime Task Force Buffalo Organized Crime Task Force White Plains Plattsburgh Regional Office **Plattsburgh** Poughkeepsie Regional Office Poughkeepsie Public Integrity (Prosecution of Government Corruption) Albany Public Integrity (Prosecution of Government Corruption) Manhattan Real Estate Finance Manhattan

Real Property Hauppauge

Rochester Regional Office Rochester

Sex Offender Management (MHL, Art. 10) Albany

Sex Offender Management (MHL, Art. 10) Buffalo

Sex Offender Management (MHL, Art. 10) Manhattan

Special Investigations & Prosecutions Unit Manhattan

Suffolk Regional Office Hauppauge

Syracuse Regional Office Syracuse

Taxpayer Protection (Prosecution of fraud against NYS Government) Manhattan

Tobacco Compliance (Enforcement of Multistate Tobacco Settlement Agreement) Manhattan

Watertown Regional Office Watertown

Westchester Regional Office White Plains

Application Instructions: Applications for the 2017 SLIP are being received online. To apply, please click on the bureau or regional office of interest listed above; applicants will be taken to the online application page for that particular intern position.

♦ Cover Letter (Please address to Sandra Jefferson Grannum, Esq., Bureau Chief, Legal Recruitment)

- ♦ Resume
- ◆ List of three (3) references with contact information and email addresses
- Transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)

• Writing Sample (Any piece of legal writing that demonstrates your ability to analyze legal issues in a clear and concise manner, as well as your advocacy and grammatical skills. For example, an advisory opinion, memorandum of law in support of a motion, or appellate brief would be acceptable.)

If applying to multiple bureaus/regional offices, we recommend that you submit the same cover letter for each application, ranking those bureaus/regional offices in order of your preference.

• Please apply to no more than 5 bureaus/regional offices. Applications are submitted separately for each bureau/regional office and applicants will be notified of the decision on each application.

• Applications from first-year law students may not be submitted prior to December 1st. 1Ls should wait until they have received their first semester grades and are able to submit a complete application.

Please note: Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your application. If you will be seeking work study funding from your law school, please submit your application for the 2017 SLIP at least two (2) weeks prior to the work study deadline. Please include this information in your cover letter.*

If you have questions about a position with the OAG, the application process or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact the Legal Recruitment Bureau via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov.

The application deadline is March 31st, 2017.