



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2016 SPRING LEGAL EXTERN POSITIONS

**SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY E-MAIL TO:
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:
FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2015**

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 2016 SPRING LEGAL EXTERN POSITIONS

Description of Program:

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) for the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks second and third year law students with a demonstrated interest in government and health care law for spring legal extern positions lasting approximately ten to twelve weeks during the spring of 2016. The positions are unpaid. Although program dates are flexible, selected applicants must commit to working a minimum of 32 hours per week.

OCIG promotes the mission of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) through legal advocacy and counsel. Legal externs will investigate cases, perform legal research, draft briefs, and write legal memorandums. Legal externs will have an opportunity to work with branches of OCIG: the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch, the Industry Guidance Branch, and the Advice Branch.

The Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch handles civil fraud and abuse cases involving Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs; works with DOJ in global resolution of civil False Claims Act cases; initiates administrative cases under the Civil Monetary Penalties Law; and defends OIG exclusion actions. The Industry Guidance Branch issues advisory opinions to the public and health care industry on whether an activity constitutes grounds for sanction under the Anti-Kickback Statute, Civil Monetary Penalties Law or other authorities, and provides legal advice to HHS and DOJ on the Anti-Kickback Statute. The Advice Branch advises on issues such as the scope and exercise of the Inspector General's authorities and responsibilities; investigative techniques, procedures, conduct, and resolution; audits and inspections; and impact of legislative proposals.

Program requirements:

- Applicants must be in their second or third year of law school (or equivalent for evening/part-time programs) or in an LLM program.
- Applicants must participate in a school sponsored, for-credit externship program, work as part of a law school's externship program, participate in a school-sponsored public interest program, or participate in a program where applicants receive a stipend for public interest work. Applicants will need to coordinate with their school or other applicable institutions to meet this requirement.
- Applicants must commit to working at OCIG for a minimum of 32 hours per week for 10-12 weeks.
- A demonstrated interest in health care law and public service is a plus.

Application Process:

Submit cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and five-page writing sample by **Friday, October 30, 2015**. Please submit all materials as a single .pdf file. A committee of attorneys reviews the applications and selects candidates for telephone interviews. E-mail applications to OCIG.Lawclerks@oig.hhs.gov.