



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 2016 FALL LEGAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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 fall legal extern positions lasting approximately ten to twelve weeks during the fall of 2016. The positions are unpaid and applicants must be participating in a school sponsored, for-credit externship program. Although program dates are flexible, selected applicants must commit to working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

OCIG promotes the mission of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) through timely, accurate, and persuasive legal advocacy and counsel. OCIG has three branches, each with a distinct focus. The Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch handles civil fraud and abuse cases involving Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs; works with the Department of Justice in resolution of civil False Claims Act cases; initiates administrative cases; and defends the decision to exclude providers from participating in Federal health care programs. 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 and resolution; and audits and inspections. OCIG will strive to give each extern an opportunity to work with all three branches though performing legal research, drafting briefs and correspondence, and writing legal memorandums to support OCIG work.

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 qualify either for course credit, work as part of a law school's externship program, or participate in a school-sponsored public interest program. Applicants will need to coordinate with their school or other applicable institution to meet this requirement.
- Applicants must commit to a minimum of 20 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 **Monday, March 21, 2016**. Please submit all materials as a single .pdf file. A committee of attorneys reviews the applications and selects candidates for telephone interviews, if necessary. Offers are generally made by April. Candidates selected for an externship must submit to and pass a background investigation.

Submit Applications by Email:

OCIG.LawClerks@oig.hhs.gov