



**Office of Counsel to the Inspector General
United States Department of Health and Human Services
2011 Summer Law Clerk Positions**

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) for the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks second year law students with a demonstrated interest in government and health care law. We are presently hiring two to four individuals for summer law clerk positions lasting approximately ten weeks during the summer of 2011. OCIG plans to pay each law clerk at a GS-7 level (a biweekly salary of approximately \$1,623).

OCIG promotes the overall mission of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) through timely, accurate, and persuasive legal advocacy and counsel. During the summer, each law clerk may have an opportunity to work with all three branches of OCIG: the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch (ACRB), the Industry Guidance Branch (IGB), and the Advice Branch.

- ACRB represents OIG in civil fraud and abuse cases involving Medicare, Medicaid, and other HHS programs. ACRB attorneys work with the Department of Justice in the global resolution of civil False Claims Act cases. As part of such cases, ACRB attorneys negotiate integrity agreements in which health care providers are required to implement and maintain certain compliance obligations. ACRB attorneys and analysts monitor the compliance of providers operating under integrity agreements. In addition, ACRB initiates affirmative administrative cases and defends OIG's decisions to exclude providers from participation in Federal health care programs under OIG's statutory authorities.
- IGB is responsible for drafting and issuing advisory opinions to the health care industry and members of the public on whether an activity (or proposed activity) would constitute grounds for the imposition of a sanction under the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Civil Monetary Penalties Law, or the program exclusion authorities, and on other issues pertaining to the Anti-Kickback Statute. IGB provides legal advice to the various components of OIG, other offices of HHS, and the Department of Justice concerning matters involving the interpretation of the Anti-Kickback Statute.
- The Advice Branch provides legal advice to the various components of OIG on legal issues that arise in the exercise of OIG's responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978. Such issues include the scope and exercise of the Inspector General's authorities and responsibilities; investigative techniques and procedures (including criminal procedure); the sufficiency and impact of legislative proposals affecting OIG; and the conduct and resolution of investigations, audits, and inspections.

More information about the OIG and the Office of Counsel can be found at www.oig.hhs.gov. Students interested in OCIG's 2011 Summer Law Clerk Program should submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and transcript via e-mail (preferred), regular mail, or facsimile to the following address no later than **September 10, 2010**.

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