



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2015 SPRING LEGAL EXTERN POSITIONS

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY E-MAIL TO:
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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

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 2015. 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 32 hours per week.

OCIG promotes the mission of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) through timely, accurate, and persuasive legal advocacy and counsel. Legal externs will investigate cases, perform legal research, draft briefs, and write legal memorandums. Each legal extern will have an opportunity to work with all three 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; 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, 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 be participating in a school sponsored, for-credit externship program.
- 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 Monday, October 20, 2014. Please submit all materials as a single .pdf file. A committee of attorneys reviews the applications and selects candidates for telephone interviews, if necessary. E-mail applications to OCIG.Lawclerks@oig.hhs.gov.