

## Trust the Section of Antitrust Law to Make You Competitive

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The Section of Antitrust Law, the home of consumer protection in the ABA, provides challenging fellowship opportunities for first-rate students to sample public service while helping the United States further its consumer protection mission.

The Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project fellows serve for eight weeks in the consumer protection departments of the offices of state attorneys general around the country. Fellows receive a stipend of \$5,000 plus an allowance of \$2,000 for travel and housing.

The fellowship is named in honor of Janet D. Steiger (1939–2004), an inspiring leader who served the public under four U.S. presidents. Most notable among her public service contributions was her time as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. She was known as a scrupulously ethical, warm, and caring person.

Steiger fellows report assignments ranging from writing memoranda on licensing, antitrust and consumer protection statutes, participation in investigations, discovery, and drafting of key motions. Below are quotes from students describing their fellowships:

- “One of the best professional experiences I have had, and I would highly recommend this program to other law students. . . . The unit treated me like an equal and gave me challenging projects for real cases.”
- “I have only good things to say about the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship. . . . I was helping the citizens.”
- “. . . the best legal writing instruction I have had to date. I was given an extremely interesting variety of writing and research assignments . . . and the independence necessary to plan and execute my own work.”
- “The work was . . . substantive and challenging. I was quickly treated as a capable attorney.”

State feedback on the fellows’ performance is laudatory:

- “We appreciate the opportunity to have such talent in the office.”
- “[A] huge asset to our office this summer.”
- “[W]ork on extremely complex litigation . . . was exemplary.”
- “[P]ass on to other states the great success we have had in making the interviews produce more than one great student for us.”

For details, including an application with a list of the participating state offices, please visit the ABA Section of Antitrust Law at [www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml). The project encourages applications from 1L and 2L students with a real interest in consumer protection and public service who need financial assistance.

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