



AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Division for Public Services
2009-2010 Clerkship

The American Bar Association's Division for Public Services offers law students the opportunity to apply for the **2009-2010 Division for Public Services Clerkship**.

The Division offers two Clerkship opportunities:

- The first is a ten-week Spring/Summer Clerkship, open by competition, and offering law students entering their second or third year at an ABA-accredited law school the opportunity to design and complete a legal research and writing project in substantive areas of Division concern.

To qualify, you must have an interest in, and plan to write about, one of our areas of involvement: bioethics and the law; disability law; election law; environmental law; homelessness and poverty; immigration law; the Law Library of Congress and access to legal resources; national security law; substance abuse; or public interest in law school and as a career. Applicants are required to join the

ABA Law Student Division at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/home.html>. If of acceptable quality, the work product may be published by the Division.

- The second is a Fall/Winter Clerkship and typically involves conducting project research and writing; developing information for directories and other databases; coordinating survey development, distribution and results; or editing manuscripts for publication. Applicants may be undergraduate or law school students, depending on project need.

Please note: When applying for the Clerkship, please indicate which Clerkship you are applying for (*i.e.*, Spring/Summer or Fall/Winter).

Clerkships are unpaid. We encourage law students to incorporate the Clerkship into law student externship/internship program and/or to seek supportive law school funding where needed.

Benefits of the Clerkship include:

- Unique opportunity to design and carry out a public interest legal research and writing project of particular interest to the student;
- Work with experts on public interest issues;
- Take advantage of your law school's externship/internship program options.

DEADLINES:

Fall / Winter Clerkship - September 1, 2009
Spring / Summer Clerkship - December 1, 2009

Spring/Summer Clerkship

REQUIREMENTS (Clerks are selected by a competitive process from applications received.)

Applicants must:

- have completed their first or second year at an ABA-accredited law school;
- identify a law school faculty member knowledgeable in one of our areas of involvement who will help review the work in progress;
- demonstrate exceptional research and writing skills; and
- submit a complete application package as set out below.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries that do not meet the requirements above will not be considered.

TO APPLY

Submit the following:

1. **COVER LETTER** explaining your interest in one of our areas of involvement and your qualifications;
2. A **RÉSUMÉ** (please include your Law Student membership number);
3. Name, title, mailing address, telephone number and email address of **FACULTY MEMBER** who has agreed to review your work in progress;
4. Names and contact information for two **REFERENCES** who can comment on your work and qualifications; and
5. An **ESSAY**, of 3-5 typed pages describing the public interest research and writing project in one of our subject areas that you propose to conduct.



Fall/Winter Clerkship

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants may be undergraduate or law school students depending on project need.

TO APPLY

1. Submit a cover letter stating your interest;
2. A résumé;
3. Names and contact information for two references; and
4. A writing sample.

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