The Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships 2017

Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) and the Center for Chinese Legal Studies are pleased to announce the Mark Haas Public Interest Fellowships. The Fellowships will support up to two recent Columbia Law School graduates to pursue public interest legal work in the United States for three to five months.

The Fellowships will be awarded to graduating LL.M. or J.D. students from mainland China or Hong Kong. Fellows will receive between three and five months of funding at approximately $2,500 per month. One or two fellowships will be awarded this year. It is anticipated that Fellowships will begin by August or September 2017. Recipients of the Fellowships will be responsible for locating their positions, but will be assisted by the staff at Social Justice Initiatives throughout the spring semester. Fellows will be expected to work full time at public interest law organizations during the entire term of their fellowship. Please note that this is not a research fellowship.

If you are interested in applying, please submit three (3) copies of each of the following materials to the SJI office by 5 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2017.

1. Your resume
2. Your Columbia Law School transcript
3. The name of a Columbia faculty member willing to serve as a reference for you (the actual letter of recommendation is not required); and
4. A one- to two-page statement detailing the reasons for your interest in the Fellowship, including the area of law in which you hope to work and the desired duration of the fellowship (3 months minimum - 5 months maximum).

SJI is located in William and June Warren Hall, 1125 Amsterdam Avenue, 8th floor. Applications can also be dropped off at the SJI mailbox, B-26 in Jerome Greene Hall (Information Center).

It is anticipated that Fellowship recipient(s) will be chosen in February 2017, allowing the spring semester to find a public interest work placement.

Please direct your Fellowship inquiries to Nyaguthii Chege (nchege@law.columbia.edu)