ENFORCING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
IN CAPITAL, HABEAS & PRISON CASES

This two-semester externship will focus upon federal constitutional rights by looking at the legal doctrines and on-the-ground factors that influence how they are enforced in serious criminal and prison cases. As part of the unique public service practice groups within two commercial law firms – the Squire Sanders Public Service Initiative (PSI) and the Holland & Knight Community Services Team (CST) – students will work on prisoner cases where the stakes are high. They will perform a variety of litigation tasks related to one or more clients challenging death sentences, life imprisonment, solitary confinement or other constitutionally-based challenges to sentences or prison conditions.

George Kendall, who heads PSI, PSI attorneys Corrine Irish and Carine Williams, and CST attorney Samuel Spital, will jointly teach the course and supervise field work. The class will ordinarily meet at Squire’s midtown offices in Rockefeller Center. In the fall, the class will meet weekly on Friday from 1pm-3pm; in the spring, class will meet every other week on Thursday from 4:20pm-6:10pm.

NOTE: This is a year-long commitment and registration for both semesters is required

To Apply: Please send your application materials to Lynn.Cirrincione-Boccia@squiresanders.com by Monday, April 7, 2014. Your application should include the following:

1. A brief statement of interest (no more than 1 single-spaced page) explaining: Why you are interested in taking this course? What prior work experience, law school activities, and/or other experience have you had that are relevant to this externship? What challenges do you anticipate in taking this course and working on these cases?

2. Please indicate whether you have taken or will concurrently take: criminal procedure, federal courts, evidence or any other course that may be relevant to this externship.

3. A copy of your resume

4. A writing sample of 5-10 pages