The Greater China Public Interest Fellowship

Social Justice Initiatives (SJI) and the Center for Chinese Legal Studies are pleased to announce The Greater China Public Interest Fellowship. This Fellowship is designed to provide meaningful opportunities in public interest law in greater China.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Fellowship will be awarded to one Columbia Law School J.D. or LL.M. graduate who is a member of the Class of 2016, or a recent graduate (members of the Class of 2015 or 2014), to spend one year working with a public interest organization in China. Applicants must have strong Chinese language skills.

Applications are due to the SJI Office by Monday, February 1, 2016 at 3:00pm. Applications may not be emailed, but must be hand delivered or mailed. The application should consist of six (6) stapled copies of the following in the indicated order:

1. A current resume.
2. A personal statement (1,000 word maximum) about your relevant experience, interest, and future aspirations with respect to China and public interest work. The statement should include a discussion of the place of the fellowship in your career plans.
3. A project description (3 pages), including:
   a. Description of the host organization/agency
   b. Description of the applicant’s project and its relation to the work of the host
   c. An estimated budget (to demonstrate feasibility).
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation (at least one should be from a CLS faculty member, the other may be from a supervisor at a relevant organization), and identification of 2 person who would serve as references.
5. A copy of your CLS transcript.
6. Indicia of a bona fide interest from your host organization (email or other communication acceptable). OPTIONAL BUT RECOMMENDED.

A Fellow and an alternate will be selected by Thursday, March 31, 2016.

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

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