VENABLE LLP
PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Due to the generous support of the law firm of Venable, LLP and under the leadership of Partner and CLS adjunct faculty member Mark Vecchio, CLS ‘85, Columbia Law School is proud to offer a funded public interest fellowship for the summer of 2015. The fellowship will be awarded to a Columbia Law School student in the J.D. program class of 2017 who demonstrates a commitment to public interest, who is registered in the Guaranteed Summer Funding Program, and has secured a placement. The fellowship will provide a total summer stipend of $5,000 for at least ten weeks of full time work in an unpaid, public service summer internship in the United States.

Preference will be given to students working with an organization in one of the seven cities in which Venable has offices: New York, NY; Baltimore, MD; Washington DC; Tysons Corner, VA; Los Angeles, CA; Rockville, MD; and Towson, MD. The Fellowship will include events at one of the firm's offices. The Venable Fellow is not obligated in any way to apply for or accept employment at the firm during their 2L summer.

The application form is attached.

Submit two stapled copies of the completed application to Catherine Kirchhoff no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, 2015. Applications can be submitted by hand delivery to Catherine Kirchhoff at 410 West 116th Street (Little Warren), 3rd floor, or by email to ckirchhoff@law.columbia.edu.

Decisions will be issued in May.
APPLICATION FORM
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NAME: _________________________________________

LOCAL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: ________________________ EMAIL: __________________

NAME OF ORGANIZATION AT WHICH YOU WILL BE AN INTERN:
____________________________________________________________________________

ORGANIZATION LOCATION (CITY AND STATE):
___________________________________________________________________________

Signature: ______________________________________________ Date: _________________

The Application consists of:
1. This cover sheet.
2. A separate typed document on which you respond to the questions below.
3. A copy of your résumé.

Submit two copies of items 1-3 to Social Justice Initiatives no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 either by dropping it off on the 3rd floor of Little Warren Hall to Catherine Kirchhoff or emailing it to: Ckirchhoff@law.columbia.edu.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Demonstration of Serious Interest in Public Interest Law Work: Describe your interest in the practice of public interest law and the relationship of the summer employment you will seek to this interest. Be as specific as possible. Indicia of interest include, but are not limited to: past summer or other employment (law or non-law), volunteer positions, courses taken, papers written, student activities in college and/or the Law School. If you have not had an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to public service, describe your interest and explain any circumstances that deterred you from participation in such activities in the past. (1 page)

Any Other Information (Optional): Briefly provide any additional information you would like to have considered in the selection process. (½ page maximum)