The Social Justice Fellowship at Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho
Fellow to serve 2015-2017

Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho and Columbia Law School are accepting applications for the Social Justice Fellowship at Goldstein, Borgen, Dardarian & Ho (GBDH) in Oakland, California. This fellowship is only open to graduates of four select law schools.

The Fellowship offers a recent graduate the opportunity to litigate plaintiffs’ complex class action cases. GBDH is one of the oldest and most successful plaintiffs’ public interest class action law firms in the country. GBDH represents individuals against large companies in complex, class and collective action lawsuits in the firm’s three primary practice areas: employment discrimination, wage and hour violations, and disability access, as well as in other public interest areas such as environmental law and fee litigation. The firm is located in Oakland, California and has a national practice, litigating cases in federal and state courts throughout the country.

GBDH has long been recognized as one of the top plaintiffs’ firms in the country. As early as 1992, the National Law Journal (“A National Who’s Who of the Top Lawyers in Employment Litigation”) called the firm “In a league of their own on the plaintiffs’ side, handling the largest class actions nationwide.” More recently, The Recorder, in San Francisco, listed all of the firm’s partners as among the “top attorneys” in employment law in the San Francisco Bay Area. Every year since 2004, GBDH partners have been named “Northern California Super Lawyers” by their peers, in recognition of their outstanding legal achievements and high ethical standards.

Fellowship Terms and Qualifications

The Fellowship is for a two-year term, beginning in the Fall of 2015. The salary is $55,000 for the first year, with an increase to $60,000 the second year, plus benefits. Additionally, fellows are eligible for their school’s loan forgiveness programs.

The Fellowship is open to current CLS 3Ls as well as members of the class of 2013 or 2014 who are currently in a clerkship or public interest job.

GBDH’s goal is to identify a graduate with a demonstrated commitment to social justice and with the background, interests and skills to make a meaningful contribution to the firm and later in their careers. Applicants must also possess exceptional analytical and writing skills, creativity, and the ability to work independently and to undertake significant responsibility from the outset of the Fellowship.

Application Process and Selection

Applications consist of:

1. A cover letter, no longer than 2 pages, discussing the applicant’s commitment to civil rights and social justice and his or her long-term goals;

2. A copy of the applicant’s law school transcript;
3. A legal writing sample, 5-10 pages in length;

4. A current resume; and

5. A list of 3 references, one of which must be a law school professor and another must be a public interest employer; include the name, relationship and contact information for each reference.

Applications must be received by Madeleine Kurtz no later than noon on November 14, 2014.

Columbia Law School, Social Justice Initiative

Attention: Madeleine Kurtz, Director of Public Interest Professional and Pro Bono Programs

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