



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 2019 FALL HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE LEGAL INTERNSHIP

Description of Program:

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) for the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) **Health Care Fraud and Abuse Law Internship program offers unpaid opportunities for second and third year law students with an interest in health law and government law.** Although program dates are flexible, selected applicants must commit to working a minimum of 15 hours per week for 10 to 12 weeks.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) fights fraud, waste, and abuse in HHS programs including Medicare, Medicaid, Healthcare Marketplaces, NIH, FDA, CDC and more. OCIG promotes the mission of the OIG through timely, accurate, and persuasive legal advocacy and counsel. OCIG has three branches. The Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch handles civil fraud and abuse cases involving Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs; works with the Department of Justice to resolve civil False Claims Act cases; initiates administrative cases; and defends the decision to exclude providers from participating in Federal health care programs. The Industry Guidance Branch issues advisory opinions to the public and health care industry on whether an activity constitutes grounds for sanction and provides legal advice to HHS and DOJ on the Anti-Kickback Statute. The Advice Branch advises on issues such as the scope and exercise of the Inspector General's authorities and responsibilities; investigative techniques and resolution; and audits and inspections. OCIG will strive to give each extern an opportunity to work with all three branches through performing legal research and drafting briefs, legal memorandum, and correspondence.

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Program requirements:

- Applicants must be in their second or third year of law school (or equivalent for evening/part-time programs) or in an LLM program.
- Applicants must qualify either for course credit, work as part of a law school's externship program, or participate in a school-sponsored public interest program. Applicants will need to coordinate with their school or other applicable institution to meet this requirement.
- Applicants must commit to a minimum of 15 hours per week for up to 12 weeks.
- A demonstrated interest in health care law and public service is a plus.

Application Deadline and Process:

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through April 26, 2019. Submit cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and five-page legal writing sample. Please submit all materials as a single .pdf file. A committee of attorneys reviews the applications and selects candidates for telephone interviews, if necessary. Selected candidates must pass a background investigation.

Submit Applications by Email:	OCIG.LawClerks@oig.hhs.gov
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