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**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL 2016 SUMMER LEGAL EXTERN POSITIONS

Description of Program:

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) for the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks second year law students with a demonstrated interest in public service and health care law. We anticipate selecting applicants for two or three unpaid summer legal extern positions lasting approximately 10 weeks during the summer of 2016.

OCIG promotes the mission of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) through timely, accurate, and persuasive legal advocacy and counsel. Legal externs will investigate cases, perform legal research, draft briefs, and write legal memoranda. Each legal extern will have an opportunity to work with all three branches of OCIG: the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch, the Industry Guidance Branch, and the Advice Branch.

The Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch handles civil fraud and abuse cases involving Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs; works with the Department of Justice in the global resolution of civil False Claims Act cases; initiates administrative cases under the Civil Monetary Penalties Law; 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 the health care industry on whether an activity constitutes grounds for sanction under the Anti-Kickback Statute, or other authorities, and provides legal advice to HHS and the Department of Justice on the Anti-Kickback Statute. The Advice Branch provides legal advice on issues such as the scope and exercise of OIG's authorities and responsibilities; investigative procedures; audits and inspections; and the impact of legislative proposals.

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, with an expected graduation year of 2017 or earlier.
- Applicants must participate in a school sponsored, for-credit externship program, work as part of a law school's externship program, participate in a school-sponsored public interest program, or participate in a program where applicants receive a stipend for public interest work. Applicants will need to coordinate with their school or other applicable institutions to meet this requirement.
- Applicants must commit to working at OCIG for a minimum of 32 hours per week for 10-12 weeks.
- A demonstrated interest in health care law and public service is a plus.

Application Process:

Submit your cover letter, resume, transcript copy, and writing sample of no more than 5 pages by **October 5, 2015**. Please submit all materials as one .pdf file. A committee of attorneys reviews the applications and selects candidates for telephone interviews. In general, offers are made by mid-October.

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