



## **U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LEGAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The U.S. Attorney's Office recently established a new Legal Fellowship program. Legal Fellows are employed for a minimum of seven months as unpaid Special Assistant United States Attorneys, and have the opportunity to gain significant criminal prosecution experience during their tenure in the Office. The program is meant to serve both recent law school graduates and experienced attorneys who have a desire to get unparalleled criminal prosecution and litigation experience in a unique U.S. Attorney's Office setting. Although uncompensated, Legal Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in the same training and trial experience as any new Assistant United States Attorney in the USAO-DC.

Attorneys selected as Legal Fellows will be assigned to either the Misdemeanor Unit of the General Crimes Section, or the Domestic Violence Unit of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section. The Misdemeanor Unit prosecutes serious misdemeanor offenses, including drug possession, simple assault, weapon possession, and theft offenses. The Domestic Violence Unit prosecutes all forms of domestic violence, including spousal abuse, and intra-family child and elder abuse. Legal Fellows will undergo extensive training before entering into a trial unit, and have the opportunity to gain immediate and intensive trial experience.

Applicants to the Legal Fellowship program must possess a J.D. degree, must be a member of the bar of any U.S. state or territory and must have at least one year of post law school experience. This is an uncompensated position, and Legal Fellows may not be employed or on a leave of absence from in any legal position, or paid by any legal entity or educational institution, during their time at the USAO-DC. Applicants are required to be citizens of the United States, and must undergo a government background check before entering on duty. Legal Fellows will serve a minimum term of seven months and a maximum term of one year, and may not apply for a permanent position with the USAO-DC until six months after the end of their fellowship.

We are now accepting applications for the October 1, 2012 class. To apply to the Legal Fellowship program, please send a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, and official copy of law school transcript, to:

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