

Family Law Fellows

The Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center's prestigious Fellows Program provides students with opportunities to participate in the substantive work of the Center. Fellows participate in a variety of activities including:

- Hot Topics in Family Law: Monthly Speaker's Series
- Substantive Research
- Newsletter Editing
- Networking with Attorneys and Judges
- Field Trips
- Colloquia
- Symposia
- Social Events
- Public Service in Family Law
- The Opportunity to Apply for a Paid Public Service Job Placemen

Application Process

Fill out the attached form and e-mail or deliver it to Barbara Hausman no later than September 27, 2006.

(bhausman@depaul.edu or Room 1163)

Requirements to qualify as a Fellow in good standing for 2006-2007

- Attend 6 of the 7 "Hot Topics in Family Law" lunch-time Speakers' Series
- Attend at least one other Family Law Sponsored event each semester
- Provide at least 5 hours of service to the Schiller DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center each semester

Sponsored Service-Learning Opportunities

Fellows in good standing are eligible to receive funding to work in some or all of the following Family Law service-learning placements:

- Cook County Public Guardian
- Cook County Public Defender, Juvenile Division
- Cook County State's Attorney, Abuse and Neglect Division
- Chicago Legal Clinic
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
- Legal Assistance Foundation, Family Division
- Legal Aid Bureau
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
- Life Span (Legal service for victims of domestic violence)
- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Illinois Guardianship Commission

Any other placements must be approved by the Executive Director.

Funding for Service-Learning Positions

- Service-learning positions will be Funded at the rate of \$12.50 / hour
- No more than 10 hours per week, or 140 hours per semester will be funded (a total of \$1,750 per semester).
- Funds will be disbursed into student accounts twice during the semester.
- The final payment will not be disbursed unless both the student and supervisor evaluations have been completed and submitted.
- If all forms have not been submitted by the 12th week of the semester, the final disbursement will be delayed until the beginning of the next semester the student is enrolled. NOTE: GRADUATING STUDENTS **MUST** HAVE THEIR PAPER WORK COMPLETED BY THE 11th WEEK OF THE SEMESTER **OR THEY WILL NOT BE PAID!**
- Weekly e-mail progress reports are required to receive any funding.

Funding Priorities

Funding decisions are made entirely at the discretion of the Center Directors. As many students will be funded as possible. Considerations for funding priorities include:

- First priority for students who have been Family Law Fellows for the longest time
- Second priority based on the student's seniority as evidenced by the number of credits received
- Generally preference will be given to students who have not yet received a Service-Learning position, however;
- 3Ls and 4Ls who have been Fellows in good standing throughout law school may qualify for a Senior Fellow Award, allowing them to receive an additional grant.
- In cases of ties, grades may be considered
- Ultimately, all positions are selected by the Center Directors using their best discretion.