

Deborah T. Poritz
Summer Public Interest
Legal Fellowship Program

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL RESPONSES

Return this application along with a resume and one writing sample (no more than 5 pages in length) to:

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Legal Services of New Jersey
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P. O. Box 1357
Edison, New Jersey 08818-1357
Or
pkoncius@lsnj.org

Applications will be considered in the order that they are received and hiring decisions will be made on a rolling basis. Interested students are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible. The program particularly seeks people who have demonstrated their commitment to helping the disadvantaged through their prior work, extracurricular activities during school and volunteer efforts, and give evidence of strong commitment to a public interest career. Grades, honors and personal achievements are also important.

APPLICANT NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (cell) _____ (home) _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

If this is not your permanent address, please give an alternate address and phone number where you can be reached.

LAW SCHOOL:

School _____
Anticipated Date of Graduation _____
Percentile/Rank/GPA _____
Will you have completed two-thirds (2/3) of your J.D. degree by May 2010? _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PREVIOUS PUBLIC INTEREST EMPLOYMENT:

Employer _____

Address

Position

Dates

Duties

PREVIOUS PUBLIC INTEREST PAID EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED):

Employer _____

Address _____

Position _____

Dates _____

Duties _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY OTHER PREVIOUS PUBLIC INTEREST ACTIVITY: (Volunteer, internships etc.)

Organization _____

Address _____

Position _____

Dates _____

Duties _____

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Address _____

Position _____

Dates _____

Duties _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES: (Life experiences that demonstrate your interest in public interest work.)

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF HELP AS WE EVALUATE YOUR APPLICATION. (include languages, special computer or research skills, other degrees, etc.)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Relationship to Reference _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Relationship to Reference _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Relationship to Reference _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On separate sheets of paper, please answer the following questions (no more than 1/2 page per question - minimum font size 12 pt.):

1. Please describe with specificity why you are interested in a Public Interest Legal Intern Fellowship and what you hope to get out of the experience.
2. Please describe your plans after Law School, specifically highlighting whether and how you intend to pursue a public interest legal career, or how you otherwise intend to be involved in public interest legal work.
3. Please describe your feelings about each of the public interest activities you listed on the previous page (satisfactions, frustrations) and ways that your experiences shaped your plans concerning public interest work after law school.
4. Please describe the most important or significant of your other public interest activities (highlighting achievements, lessons learned etc.), from among those you listed on the preceding page.

5. Please indicate which areas of public interest law you find most interesting and why.

**PLACEMENT PREFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY
EMPLOYER AND GEOGRAPHICAL**

EMPLOYER PREFERENCES

Where possible, we will attempt to honor geographical or program preferences, but in many cases such matches will not be achievable, because other candidates have already filled spaces.

LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY

Legal Services of New Jersey, located in Edison, coordinates Legal Services statewide and does major impact advocacy and policy analysis, pursues major litigation, and also provides direct client representation through numerous special projects including immigration, domestic violence, representation of families and a statewide legal hotline. Fellows employed by LSNJ will experience a wide range of legal activities with emphasis on research and writing as well as client contact.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Regional Legal Services programs have been the principal employers of summer interns. They provide civil legal representation to low-income people in each of New Jersey's 21 counties through 6 field programs. As a regional field office fellow you will be given responsibility for client cases, research, drafting pleadings and, for rising 3rd year students, some court or administrative agency appearances. These placements focus on direct client representation and legal research.

NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES
Bergen, Hudson, Passaic

SOUTH JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES
Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May
Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

LEGAL SERVICES OF NORTHWEST JERSEY
Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Warren

ESSEX-NEWARK LEGAL SERVICES
Essex

CENTRAL JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES
Mercer, Middlesex, Union

OCEAN-MONMOUTH LEGAL SERVICES
Ocean, Monmouth

Please indicate your legal services employer preferences at the indicated places using a scale of
(1) very interested, (2) somewhat interested, (3) not interested.

Regional Legal Services program _____

Legal Services of New Jersey _____

OTHER LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS

The organizations listed below are some of the public interest employers involved in previous years' programs. LSNJ does not guarantee that each employer will be participating this year.

Please indicate your other employer preferences at the indicated places using a scale of:
(1) very interested, (2) somewhat interested, (3) not interested.

Association for Children of New Jersey: As a child advocacy organization in Newark, ACNJ emphasizes policy issues; there is usually no opportunity to provide direct legal representation or legal advice. Rating _____

American Friends Service Committee: This immigration rights program seeks to protect the legal rights of immigrants and refugees. Fellows will be involved in legal research writing, as well as some client contact. There is not always the opportunity for direct legal representation. Rating _____

Jersey Battered Woman's Services: This opportunity provides exposure to the work of domestic violence shelters, including legal assistance to victims but generally not direct legal representation of these victims. Fellows may have the opportunity to observe in Court, but are unlikely to participate in direct legal representation. Rating _____

Community Health Law Project: With offices throughout NJ, CHLP provides legal and advocacy services to low-income people with disabilities and to organizations which represent interests of people with disabilities. This opportunity will involve legal research and writing, as well as direct client contact and representation. Rating _____

GEOGRAPHICAL PREFERENCES

Please indicate your geographical preferences at the indicated places using a scale of:
(1) very interested, (2) somewhat interested, (3) not interested

Please note that as we proceed to match prospective employers and candidates, a (3) rating in a particular area may foreclose our ability to match you with an available intern position.

NORTHEAST : Hudson, Bergen, Passaic, Essex, and Union counties Rating _____

NORTHWEST : Morris, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, and Somerset counties Rating _____

CENTRAL : Middlesex, Mercer, and Monmouth counties Rating _____

SOUTHWEST: Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Salem, and Cumberland counties Rating _____

SOUTHEAST : Ocean, Cape May, and Atlantic counties Rating _____

HOUSING

Please indicate if you have housing in NJ for the summer, where it will be, and any additional comments regarding housing preferences or constraints.
