



Suffolk University Law School Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship

About the Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship:

The Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship is a newly established fellowship offered to support the summer employment of a designated Suffolk University Law School student engaged in public service in the field of consumer rights and protection.

The Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship will be awarded to a Suffolk Law student who demonstrates an interest in and commitment to issues of consumer law, rights and protection. The individual chosen will be paid a \$7,000 stipend for a ten-week, fulltime, summer position in a Massachusetts governmental office or nonprofit agency engaged in consumer protection work. While it is not necessary to secure an internship prior to applying for the Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship, the award will be contingent on obtaining a placement with an eligible employer. The Consumer Law Fellow may secure his/her placement independently or with the assistance of the Rappaport Center.

Applicant Eligibility:

All Suffolk Law students in good academic standing who are not in their final semester are eligible to apply.

Selection Criteria:

Considerations which will influence selection of the Consumer Law Fellow include the following:

1. Demonstrated interest in and commitment to working in the field of consumer law, rights and protection;
2. Demonstrated commitment to public service as shown by past paid and volunteer work experiences and extracurricular activities; and
3. Academic achievement.

Eligible Summer Jobs:

Positions at government and nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts engaged in the practice of consumer law, rights and protection are eligible under the Public Service Consumer Law Fellowship Program. Examples of eligible jobs include, but are not limited to:

- National Consumer Law Center
- Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation
- Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau

- Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs
- Massachusetts Division of Insurance
- Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure
- Massachusetts Division of Banks
- Cape Cod Consumers Council
- City of Cambridge Consumers' Council
- Massachusetts Metro West Consumer Assistance Office
- Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing (Boston)
- MassPIRG

Job responsibilities should involve substantive legal work commensurate with the student's skill level. Work of a primarily clerical nature does not qualify. The student must also have an attorney as his/her direct supervisor.

The Application Process:

To apply for the Public Service Consumer Law Fellowship, applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed application cover sheet (attached);
2. Law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable);
3. Resume;
4. Personal statement describing the applicant's interest in and commitment to the area of consumer law, rights and protection (no longer than two double-spaced pages); and
5. Two references.

Applications are due no later than ***Tuesday, March 3, 2009*** and should be submitted to the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service, Suffolk University Law School, Suite 110. Finalists will be selected and interviewed by a selection committee in late March and the Consumer Law Fellow will be selected soon thereafter.

Responsibility of Consumer Law Public Service Fellow:

The Consumer Law Fellow will be required to submit a statement upon completion of the summer placement that describes the work performed and any perspective gained through the public service consumer law experience. This statement will be publicized through the Rappaport Center's website or other media, as a way to inform and encourage other Suffolk Law students to pursue work in the field of public service consumer law. Past Fellows are also expected to serve as contacts for future law students interested in consumer law public service.

Questions:

Contact the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service at 617-573-8644, Susan Prosnitz, Executive Director, at sprosnitz@suffolk.edu or Michelle Harper, Director of Public Interest and Pro Bono Services, at mharper@suffolk.edu.



**Suffolk University Law School
Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship
2009 Application Cover Sheet**

Name: _____ Suffolk ID: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Division: Day Evening Year in School: _____

Please include the following items to complete your Consumer Law Public Service Fellowship application:

- _____ Law School Transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)
- _____ Resume
- _____ Personal Statement describing your interest in and commitment to the area of consumer law, rights and protection. (Statement should be no longer than 2 double-spaced pages.)

If you have already accepted a summer placement, indicate where and briefly describe your anticipated responsibilities. If you have not yet secured an internship, indicate the position(s) and employers you are pursuing.

List two references (professional and/or academic) with contact information:

1. _____

2. _____

**Please return your completed application to the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Service.
Completed applications are due by Tuesday, March 3, 2009.**