

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP  
INFORMATION PACKET – SUMMER 2003**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT**

**PROF. MARIANNE ARTUSIO, ROOM 202, EXT. 330  
OR  
A COUNSELOR IN THE CAREER PLANNING OFFICE, ROOM 203**

Dear Student:

Please find enclosed the following in connection with the Touro Public Interest Law Fellowship.

1. Description of the Touro Public Interest Law Fellowship Program (PILF)
2. Application for the Touro Public Interest Law Fellowship
3. Authorization for Release of Transcript, Reference Designation and Certification Form

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CAREER PLANNING OFFICE ON OR BEFORE  
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003 BY 5:00 P.M.  
DECISIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2003**

**CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL NEED**

Financial need will be considered as one of the selection criteria (see description attached). It is not, however, determinative.

If you wish to have your financial status considered, please complete a Federal Free Application and Student Aid Report form, which you can obtain from the Financial Aid Office and attach it to your application. Financial need is only one factor for consideration and is not intended to operate as a prerequisite.

Sincerely,

Prof. Marianne Artusio, Chair  
The Public Interest Law Fellowship Subcommittee

## **PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Public Interest Law Fellowship Program is to encourage and facilitate students to consider public interest legal employment. The program is designed to offer Fellowships (including the Samuel and Fannie Glickstein Fellowship), covering a ten-week period of summer employment, to qualified students with a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and who have been accepted for unpaid service during the summer. Each Fellowship provides a stipend of approximately \$350 per week. The Fellowship can be used in any organization that qualifies under the following definition.

### **Definition of Public Interest Law**

Public interest legal employment, for purposes of the Fellowship Program, is defined as legal work performed under the supervision of an attorney engaged in poverty law, civil rights law or public rights law, including representing charitable organizations. These terms are defined as follows:

Poverty law includes legal services in civil and criminal matters of importance to a client who does not have the financial resources to compensate private counsel.

Civil rights law includes legal representation involving a right of an individual which society has a special interest in protecting.

Public rights law includes legal representation involving an important right belonging to a significant segment of the public.

Charitable organization representation includes legal service to charitable, religious, civic, governmental and educational institutions in matters in furtherance of their organizational purposes, where the payment of customary legal fees would be otherwise inappropriate or impossible.

These definitions include legal work affecting broad areas of public concern including the prosecution of crimes, the legal rights of consumers, the elderly, minorities, the poor, and groups whose legal rights are not otherwise adequately represented and who traditionally lack access to the courts.

### **Designated Fellowship**

One Fellowship is reserved for a student who will work for an organization protecting the rights of gays and lesbians. Examples of such organizations are: LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., Empire State Pride Agenda.

### **The Samuel and Fannie Glickstein Memorial Fellowship**

The Samuel and Fannie Glickstein Memorial Fellowship was established by the loving family and friends of Samuel and Fannie Glickstein.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to facilitate student employment in public interest legal work. Historically, students interested in public interest legal work have had to make a financial

sacrifice. The Samuel and Fannie Glickstein Memorial Fellowship is designed to make it possible for one law student each summer to work at a public interest job. The Fellowship will offset the financial sacrifice made by a student who takes a public interest job during the summer months while at law school.

The Public Interest Law Fellowship Subcommittee will make selection of the recipient of the Samuel and Fannie Glickstein Memorial Fellowship. The Subcommittee will select the most qualified student from the pool of applicants for the Public Interest Law Fellowships. The Dean of the Law School will annually acknowledge the selection of the Fellow to the immediate members of the Glickstein family.

### **Securing Public Interest Employment**

All applicants must secure an unpaid public interest placement for the summer. The application must include a letter from the prospective public interest employer (1) agreeing to accept the applicant for summer employment, (2) setting forth the need for the applicant's assistance, (3) stating precisely where the applicant will work, the identify of the prospective employee's immediate supervisor, (4) describing in detail the scope and nature of the work to be undertaken by the student, (5) certifying that the employer will not offer any pay for the 10-week period covered by a Fellowship.

If you have not secured this letter by the March 17, 2003 application deadline, you can submit the letter later, but in no event later than April 7, 2003.

To locate an appropriate placement, please pay particular attention to the Equal Justice Works (<http://www.napil.org>) and PSLawNet (<http://www.pslawnet.org>). Also, Prof. Artusio, or the CPO staff may be able to suggest a placement. You should also attend the **NYU Public Interest Job Fair held at NYU on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Student Selection Criteria**

1. Completion of two semesters of law school, with preference to students who have completed four semesters (full-time), or six semesters (part-time).
2. Commitment to public interest law, with preference to students with a demonstrated interest and various life experiences indicating a readiness to benefit from the Fellowship Program.
3. The nature of the placement selected and the benefit the student's service will provide to the organization.
4. Maturity and demeanor appropriate to placement.
5. Record of performance in legal and law-related work, and academic performance.
6. Financial need, as documented through the Federal Free Application – Student Aid Report. (this is only one factor for consideration and is not intended to operate as a prerequisite for selection.)

If the Committee desires more information about an applicant, it may be necessary to speak to a reference. For this reason, applicants are asked to designate a member of the Touro faculty as a reference who may be contacted.

The Public Interest Law Fellowship Committee consists of faculty, administrators and current students who have previously received this Fellowship. Your transcript and financial aid information will not be shared with the student members of the Subcommittee.

**TOURO COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**Summer 2003**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

**March 17, 2003, 5:00 p.m.**

Please type or print clearly your answers to the questions below. (please use additional sheets where necessary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_ Eve \_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Summer 2003 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer 2003 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in any clinical programs? Please list the name of the clinic, the semester enrolled, the name of the instructor, and a description of the field placement, if any.

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**PLEASE ATTACH:**

1. A **current** resume. Resume must be updated and include:
  - Colleges/universities attended
  - Significant college extracurricular activities
  - Law school extracurricular activities
  - Current community activities
  - Work experience (both paid and volunteer), legal and nonlegal, including clinical programs, with a short description of each
  
2. A short typewritten essay explaining
  - a. your career goals

- b. your interest in and/or commitment to public service or public interest law, including details regarding those activities you have engaged in that demonstrate a commitment to public service or public interest law
  - c. why you wish to be a Public Interest Law Fellow
  - d. the type or types of public interest placement you have secured. If you have not secured a position, please explain what steps you have taken, to date, to secure a public interest placement. Lastly, please explain what you hope to learn from your summer public interest law internship.
3. The enclosed authorization form releasing a copy of your transcript to the Subcommittee. You must sign the form. The Subcommittee will obtain the transcript directly from the Registrar. Also, indicate the name of a member of the Touro faculty whom we may contact as a reference, if necessary.
4. A copy of your Federal Free Application and Student Aid Report if you wish financial need be considered.
5. A letter to the Career Planning Office, on official letterhead, from a public interest legal employer specifying:
- a. his/her willingness to employ your services this summer
  - b. the employer's need for your assistance
  - c. precisely where you will be working and the identity of the person who will be your immediate supervisor
  - d. the scope and nature of the work you will be doing in this position, and
  - e. certifying that the employer will not offer any additional pay for the 10 week period covered by the Fellowship.

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

If you do not have a commitment letter from an employer by March 17, 2003, you may submit an application, indicating the type of employment you are hoping to secure and the organization you are contacting. April 7, 2003 is the last day to submit a letter from an employer who has offered you a job. **Because the nature of the public interest organization is a factor in making the selection, you cannot be offered a Fellowship if you do not have an offer by April 7, 2003.**

If you are having problems getting the letter, please see a CPO counselor immediately.

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**  
**AUTHORIZATION, REFERENCE DESIGNATION AND CERTIFICATION**

**Authorization for Release of My Transcript**

\_\_\_\_\_, a student at Touro Law School, hereby authorizes the Law School and/or its Registrar to release a copy of my law school transcript to the Public Interest Law Fellowship Subcommittee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference Designation**

Please contact Prof. \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ at Touro Law Center

**Certification**

I certify that the statements on this application are complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_