

## **DUKE LAW PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS**

**Burdman/Steckley-Weitzel/Carroll-Simon, International Development, and IOLTA**



For the summer of 2009, Duke Law School invites you to apply for one of several fellowships available exclusively for Duke Law students. Both 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to apply. **Attached is the application form for the Burdman/Steckley-Weitzel/Carroll-Simon Fellowships, the IOLTA Fellowships and for the International Development Fellowship funds.** These funds are administered by the Career Center and the Office of Public Interest and Pro Bono. Please note that there are other fellowships exclusive to Duke Law students. These are the PILF Fellowships (run by the Duke Law student organization) and the Stanback Fellowships (run by the Nicholas School).

If you have questions, please contact Stella Boswell, Public Interest Career Counselor.

### **Burdman/Steckley-Weitzel and Carroll-Simon Fellowships**

For summer 2009, **at least 12 fellowships are available.** They are made possible through endowments to Duke Law School from former Associate Dean for External Relations Linda Steckley and her husband, Pete Weitzel; alumnus Richard Burdman '56; and alumni couple, Candace Carroll '74 and Len Simon '73. Recipients must work during all or part of the summer at a non-profit, NGO or government job, anywhere in the US or abroad. Judicial clerkships are not eligible. Fellowship amounts will be announced once established.

### **IOLTA Fellowships**

For summer 2009, **three IOLTA fellowships of \$3,000** are available to Duke Law students. Eligible positions are limited to a prescribed list of participating IOLTA organizations, all located in North Carolina (the list is available in the Office of Public Interest and Pro Bono or Career Center). Note that District Attorney Offices are no longer on the list. Recipients must work a minimum of 10 weeks. These fellowships are given to each NC law school by The North Carolina State Bar Plan for Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA).

### **International Development Fellowships**

For the past several years, we have received generous donations from the class of 2004, primarily Sarah Dadush and Sohini Chatterjee, for students to spend all or a part of the summer interning at a non-governmental organization or pursuing an independent research project in a developing country, working on issues such as women's rights, foreign direct investment, land and water rights, or international trade. The fellowship is intended to strengthen the international development focus at Duke Law School. **At this time we have \$1600 to award.** We do not know the final amount for 2009 yet. However, all students seeking international jobs may be considered for endowed fellowships as well.

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

- (1) The deadline for all applications is **12:00 p.m. noon on Friday, March 20, 2009** (the week after spring break). Submit them to the Career and Professional Development Center.
- (2) Contact an organization to determine if the organization is interested in “sponsoring” you for your fellowship application. (If you are applying for an IOLTA fellowship, you must select a participating employer from the IOLTA list.) The organization may, or may not, require a personal interview, a letter or a resume. If the organization agrees to sponsor you, request a letter confirming that agreement. (We have a sample letter for those interested.)
- (3) Submit:
  - (a) the attached application form;
  - (b) a narrative (a description of what to include is on the application form);
  - (c) the organization’s confirmation letter; and
  - (d) a copy of your resume.
- (4) A Selection Committee will make decisions by early April. Depending on the number of applications received, applicants may be interviewed by the Committee. You will be notified if an interview is required.

If you would like assistance in deciding which organization to approach, please make an appointment with Stella Boswell, Public Interest Career Counselor.

### **Responsibilities of those selected**

If you receive a fellowship, you will be required to:

- (1) submit a written evaluation of your experience at the completion of the internship;
- (2) write a letter of thanks to the donor; and
- (3) participate in fall 2009 activities to assist other students in learning about summer public interest opportunities.

### **Relationship to PILF**

PILF is a student group that raises money for summer fellowships and decides the criteria for distribution. Anyone applying for the fellowships announced on this page can also apply to PILF, as long as you are a member of PILF, will be working for an eligible organization, and have volunteered for the number of hours required by PILF (16 hours this year) to raise the funds. If you receive one of the fellowships announced on this page, PILF often will supplement it with a “PILF Thank You Grant,” provided that funds are available. We encourage everyone to apply for the non-PILF fellowships to save PILF money for those not receiving other fellowships. Also, we encourage everyone to join PILF and help increase the funds available to all students for summer fellowships. If you have questions about PILF, contact the 2008-2009 PILF Co-Chairs Amanda McRae and Susan Pourciau.

*Application Due Friday, March 20, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Career and Professional Development Center, 2015*

**2009 APPLICATION FOR DUKE LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS  
Burdman/Steckley-Weitzel/Carroll-Simon, International Development, and IOLTA**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your Local Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Sponsoring Organization and Supervisor  
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5. Title and/or Description of your Project, Including your Anticipated Responsibilities  
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6. Estimated current debt burden \_\_\_\_\_ Upon graduation from law school \_\_\_\_\_
7. List any other sources of funding currently available to you this summer  
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8. Among the factors the Selection Committee will consider important (though no one is expected to meet all factors) are:
  - (1) How will this project contribute to your education and training in the law?
  - (2) In what ways will your project help provide greater legal assistance to the under-represented?
  - (3) What results do you hope to achieve for your organization and its clients this summer?
  - (4) What previous work have you done in the area of public interest law?
  - (5) How does the project relate to your personal career goals?
  - (6) The quality of your application.
  - (7) Your financial need.
  - (8) Whether you are a first-year or second-year student.
9. IOLTA applicants must be available to work for 10 weeks in the summer of 2009. Applicants working part of the summer are eligible for the other fellowships (pro rata based on 10 weeks).
10. Narrative: **On a separate sheet of paper**, please explain why the Selection Committee should fund your project. Address questions 1-5 in #8 above. Bear in mind that the factors listed here are general guidelines, not specific requirements. Limit your comments to **two typed pages**.
11. Attachments: (a) your narrative, (b) your resume, and (c) the organization's confirmation letter.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I PROMISE TO NOTIFY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE OF ANY OTHER MONETARY OR IN-KIND SUPPORT, WHETHER FROM MY EMPLOYER OR OTHER SOURCES.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_