

Program on Law and State Government

Fellowships

Fellowships offered by the Program on Law and State Government provide opportunities for law students to study and research critical legal and regulatory issues facing state governments in exchange for a tuition credit up to \$5,000.¹ Working with the guidance and assistance of the Director of the Program on Law and State Government, fellowship responsibilities are as follows:

Spring 2010: Identify a critical legal issue or public policy concern facing a state government, begin the process of researching that issue or area, and plan an academic event such as a symposium, roundtable discussion, or academic meeting to be held in the fall. Present bi-weekly status reports to the Director of the Program on Law and State Government.

Fall 2010: Coordinate follow-up research, interviews, and fact finding for fellowship scholarship. Host academic event at which fellowship scholarship will be shared. Present bi-weekly status reports to the Director of the Program on Law and State Government. Complete collaboratively written fellowship report setting forth issues explored, factual findings, supporting legal analysis, and state government options in response to the issue presented. The completed fellowship report will be due by November 1, 2010.

Fellowships are designed to support students in their research and study of critical legal and regulatory issues facing state and local governments. The Program on Law and State Government will assist fellows' efforts to publish or, otherwise, distribute their academic papers to interested academic, legal, or state government communities.

Applications, available through the Program on Law and State Government, will be accepted from students who have completed one year of law school (31 credit hours for full-time students and 21 credit hours for part-time students) at the end of the current semester. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OCTOBER 23, 2009**, and should be submitted to *Therese Kamm*, (reception desk, atrium), by that date. Fellowships will be awarded to one or two law students based on academic merit and commitment to the research and study of law and state government.

¹ The tuition credit of \$5,000 will be distributed in two installments after the successful completion of each fellowship semester. The tuition credit installments will apply to tuition charges incurred for the semester following a fellowship semester. Thus, up to \$2,500 for the Spring 2010 fellowship semester would apply to charges incurred for the following Fall semester, and up to \$2,500 for the Fall 2010 fellowship semester would apply toward the following Spring 2011 semester. For part-time students, any unused tuition credit may accrue and be applied to charges incurred in subsequent semesters.