

Sandman Fellowship Application

THE GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER ANNOUNCES THE SUMMER 2017 EDGAR & MARGARET SANDMAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship Program offers a unique opportunity for upper level Albany Law School students to participate in a meaningful way in the legal aspects of public policy development and reform. The students who are selected for the Fellowship Program will spend the summer of 2017 working on a substantive research initiative at the Government Law Center.

THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

To be eligible for designation as a Fellow, an applicant must be a full-time second year student with a G.P.A. of at least 2.5 with an interest in law and government. (If an applicant is enrolled in the four-year program, he or she may elect to apply in either the second or third year, but not both.)

The Fellowship offers full time employment at the Government Law Center (Monday through Friday) during the summer of 2017. The Fellowship also offers the opportunity to participate in an independent study during the Fall 2017 semester for two (2) credits.

The Fellowship Program focuses on the area of *Aging and Health Law and Policy*. The Fellow will conduct inter-disciplinary research with an emphasis on the relevant law, draft reports, and may assist with the development of an aging/health law symposium. The Fellow may also work with the Government Law Center to develop proposals for additional research and study in the aging and health law and policy arena. The Fellow will work under the supervision of the legal staff of the Government Law Center, and interested faculty at Albany Law School (faculty from area academic institutions may also participate).

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

The Fellow will have an opportunity to spend the summer studying the interaction of the law with public policy, and will:

- develop and refine policy analysis skills;
- learn about the legal aspects of policy reform;
- obtain a firsthand introduction to public service;
- get a "hands on" education about legislative and administrative processes;
- gain access to a network of public, private and non-profit sector policymakers in the aging/health care arena.

Fellows will receive a competitive cash stipend payable in bi-weekly installments during the summer of

2017.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship Program competition is based upon merit and commitment to public service. A demonstrated interest in aging/health law and policy issues is helpful but not required. Financial need **will not** be a factor in the selection process.

A completed application must be submitted **via AlbanyLawLink during the period from Monday, April 17, 2016 through Wednesday, May 3, 2017.**

Applicants will be selected for initial interviews in mid-May 2017. At the completion of the initial interviews, some applicants may be invited to a second interview. The awarding of the Fellowship for any year is within the discretion of the Government Law Center. The Fellows chosen will be notified of their acceptance no later than June 2017.

Failure to satisfy the Fellowship requirements will result in forfeiture of the Fellowship benefits and termination of the Fellowship appointment.

For further information, please contact the Government Law Center.

Application Procedures—2017 Summer Fellowship Program.

The Edgar & Margaret Sandman Fellowship Program focuses on aging and health law and policy issues. Under the direction and supervision of the legal staff of the Government Law Center, students will be required to engage in substantive research with the goal of producing one or more reports on aging and health law and policy reform. The research will be national in scope, and the final reports will contain recommendations for legislative and/or administrative action in New York and other states. Students will be expected to combine their legal research skills with social science research, investigative work and policy analysis. The reports produced should be acceptable for publication by the Government Law Center.

Applicants must submit **one copy** of their application, including all required attachments.

A completed application must include:

1. attached application form.
2. current resume.
3. Albany Law School transcript (unofficial with most currently available grades).
4. writing sample as required by the application.

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1. Name _____

2. Current Address _____

3. Telephone Number _____

4. Class Year _____

5. Please List Previous Public Sector Experience:

6. Please List Previous Aging/Health Law Related Experience:

7. Other than a guaranteed student loan or other government loan, are you currently receiving additional financial aid (e.g., grants, scholarships)?

_____ Yes (if yes, please attach a page describing the aid). _____ No

8. Please list the name, address and telephone number of two professional references whom we may contact.

a. _____

b. _____

9. Please attach a writing sample no more than 10 pages in length that addresses a legal or policy issue (this may be something you personally wrote for a course).

10. A statement of your interest in the Fellowship is optional. If included, it should be no more than 2 pages in length (doubled spaced).