



THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION

2012 CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION FELLOWSHIP

The New York Bar Foundation is pleased to announce it is accepting grant applications from public interest legal or charitable organizations for the *2012 Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship* which has been established by the Foundation through gifts from the Corporate Counsel Section of the New York State Bar Association and other donors.

The deadline to submit a grant application to request funding to conduct the fellowship is February 29, 2012.

One grant, valued at \$6,000.00, will be awarded to each of two public interest legal or charitable organizations located in the State of New York to offer as a summer fellowship to a first- or second-year law student of a diverse background.

The student will be enrolled in a law school in the State of New York during the 2012 spring semester and will work at the selected organization for ten weeks during the summer of 2012.

The student will assist the organization's general counsel (or other similar individual holding a counsel position) with matters relating to counsel or advice to the organization.

Fellowship Program Goals

The Fellowship has been created as part of the Corporate Counsel Section's commitment to diversity and in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association's Diversity Challenge. The fellowship goal is twofold. First, to provide the selected organizations with the chance to have students from a diverse range of backgrounds provide assistance without cost and second, to provide students from a diverse range of backgrounds with an opportunity to experience in-house legal practice.

Grant Application Required

Public interest legal organizations or charities interested in conducting *The Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship* in summer 2012 must submit a grant proposal to The New York Bar Foundation on or before February 29, 2012.

Grant applications are available at www.tnybf.org - click on "Apply for a Grant" on the right side of the home page or go to <http://www.tnybf.org/grantapp.htm>.

Although the grant application indicates an October 1 deadline, submission of the application for the Corporate Counsel Section Fellowship will adhere to the February 29, 2012 deadline.

Funding for the fellowship will be directed to a qualifying organization located in the State of New York through a grant award as determined by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The grant award will be announced in April 2012.

The Fellowship

1. One grant, valued at \$6,000.00, will be awarded by The New York Bar Foundation to each of two public interest legal or charitable organizations located in the State of New York to offer and conduct the 2012 fellowship.
2. The organization will select the student in consultation with the Foundation and will present the student with a stipend consisting of the entire value of the grant award.

The Corporate Counsel Section Fellow will be selected by the grantee organization according to the following guidelines:

The fellowship will be presented to a student attending a law school in New York State **to assist with the organization's general counsel (or other similar individual holding a counsel position) with matters relating to counsel or advice to the organization.** The student must be enrolled in a New York State law school during the 2012 spring semester at the 1L or 2L level to participate in the summer 2012 fellowship.

3. Assuming the Corporate Counsel Section (the "Section") is still soliciting resumes of diverse students from New York State law schools for its Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship Program, the Section will provide the selected organization with the students' resumes from that process with a specific solicitation of students' resumes for the selected organization. The Section will work with the organization to tailor the solicitation for any specific criteria required by the organization. The organization will decide which students to interview and select the student in consultation with the Foundation. Generally, the students will be required to provide a letter of interest with a discussion about their personal commitment to diversity and how being from an under-represented group has impacted them.
4. The fellowship will take place during **summer 2012** for a period of ten weeks from **June 4 to August 10, 2012**. The work requirement per week is 35 hours at the minimum but should not exceed 40 hours.

5. The Corporate Counsel Section Fellow will be invited to be a guest member of the New York State Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Section. If still being held by the Section, a representative of the organization and the fellow will be invited to attend the annual Corporate Counsel Section Diversity Internship and Fellow Reception honoring the organization and fellow's participation. Assuming in operation, the fellow will be invited to join the Kenneth G. Standard Diversity Internship and Corporate Counsel Section Fellow alumni program.

Fellowship Eligibility

For the fellowship, the grantee organization will consider students who are enrolled in a New York State law school during the 2012 spring semester at the 1L or 2L level and who are capable of fulfilling the requested work hours and responsibilities at the grantee organization.

Housing and Other Expenses

Housing, transportation and all other expenses related to participation in the fellowship will be provided by the student. Reasonable transportation expenses will be provided by the Section for the fellow's attendance to the Annual Reception.

Submission of Grant Application:

Please mail the grant application and accompanying documents to:

**CC Fellowship
The New York Bar Foundation
One Elk Street
Albany, NY 12207**

For more information, please contact the Foundation at foundation@tnybf.org or 518/487-5651.

About the **CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION**
of the NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Corporate Counsel Section of the New York State Bar Association is comprised of more than 1,600 attorneys who serve as in-house counsel to corporations and other business entities, as well as attorneys in law firms, government, and academic institutions.

The Section members collaborate on activities that enhance the role of in-house corporate counsel as contributing members and leaders of their communities, the legal profession and the Bar Association, and provide a medium for cooperation, encouragement and assistance in the resolution of problems common to them and the legal profession, to their mutual benefit and the benefit of the membership of the Bar Association, the legal profession at large, the substantive body of law in New York, and the general administration of justice throughout the state.

About **THE NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION**

Founded in 1950, The New York Bar Foundation is dedicated to aiding educational, direct legal services, and charitable projects aimed at meeting the law-related needs of the public and the profession. The Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding for the following purposes:

- Increasing public understanding of the law
- Improving the justice system and the law
- Facilitating the delivery of legal services
- Enhancing professional competence and ethics

For more information about The New York Bar Foundation, go to

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