

2017 SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND/OR ENERGY LAW

The Environmental and Energy Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association is awarding one or more law students a **\$10,000** stipend to allow for a pro bono summer internship in the field of environmental and/or energy law ("EEL"). The selected law student recipient(s) will be awarded \$10,000.00 (paid in three installments) starting with commencement of the internship in support of an unpaid, pro bono project of the student's choosing in the field of EEL performed during an 8-week period in the summer of 2017. First- or second-year law students or third-year night law students, who are residents of Pennsylvania or who indicate their intention to practice law in Pennsylvania, and who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the field of EEL, are eligible for consideration.

Application Process: Timely submit your application by e-mail to: Richard H. Friedman, Chair, PA Bar EEL Section Internship Committee, c/o McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, 100 Pine Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101; or rfriedman@mwn.com. Questions can be directed to Mr. Friedman at (717) 237-5469 or rfriedman@mwn.com. **Your application, due on or before 5 PM on February 24, 2017**, must consist of:

- ❑ Description of the proposed work, period of internship, and anticipated work product (1-2 pages);
- ❑ Short letter from a not-for-profit public interest organization or government agency providing a statement of its mission and indicating its willingness to provide a lawyer's supervision for a volunteer summer internship opportunity in the field of EEL, confirming that funding is not otherwise available for the position, and designating an individual to serve as the student's mentor (including telephone contact information for the mentor, whom the Committee may contact). This letter may also include and to that extent, substitute for, the information in the first bullet, above;
- ❑ Student's narrative addressing the criteria set forth in the Program Description and Criteria section below (not to exceed 5 pages);

Also include:

- ❑ Your contact information;
- ❑ Resume and transcripts (law school and undergraduate);
- ❑ Short (2-3 page) writing sample (excerpt from longer document is acceptable);
and
- ❑ Short (< 1 page) statement demonstrating interest in the field of EEL and/or reasons why you wish to pursue a career in this field; and Statement of Pennsylvania residency and/or short (< 1 page) statement demonstrating commitment to working as an EEL lawyer in Pennsylvania.

[See reverse/2nd page for additional information]

Program Description and Criteria:

The pro bono project proposed by an applicant for the internship must be supported by a not-for-profit public interest or charitable organization, educational institution, and/or a local, state or federal government agency that agrees to provide oversight and supervision of the student and an attorney mentor to assist the student in completion of a project in the field of EEL. Students applying must demonstrate that the organization or agency for which they are applying meets these criteria, that the organization or agency has an internship opportunity available, that the organization or agency will appropriately supervise the intern's work, and that the organization or agency would not otherwise provide a salary for the internship position.

In making its selection, the Section's Internship Committee may consider the following factors: academic achievement; the student's demonstration of interest in the field of EEL, as evidenced by his or her academic studies, work or volunteer experience and interests; commitment to working as an EEL lawyer in Pennsylvania; benefits of the proposed pro bono project to the candidate, organization, general public and field of EEL; and financial need.

The Internship Committee may also consider the following factors related to the proposed project: relationship of the organization's mission to the field of EEL; relationship of the proposed work to the mission of the organization; potential impact and longevity of the proposed work on the organization and/or its constituency.

The Internship Committee may also consider any other factors it determines are appropriate in making its selection. An interview may be required of finalists.

Required Participation in Section Activities:

Following completion of the internship, the student must prepare a 4-6 page report and evaluation of his or her internship experience. The report may be circulated to EELS section members and others. In addition, the student will be awarded scholarships to attend the Annual Environmental Law Forums presented by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute in April 2017 and 2018 and, at the discretion of the Section Chair, will give a brief (less than 5 minute) presentation of his or her internship experience to the Section at the Annual Meeting and Dinner during the 2018 Forum.