



## **ANNOUNCING THE 2012 ARTHUR LIMAN FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW**

*For Princeton Undergraduate and Graduate Students*

The Arthur Liman Public Interest Program honors Arthur Liman, Yale Law School Class of 1957, who personified the ideal of commitment to the public interest. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he demonstrated how dedicated lawyers in both public and private life can serve the needs of people and causes that might otherwise go unrepresented.

### **THE FELLOWSHIP**

Liman Fellows receive a stipend for an eight to ten week summer 2012 internship involving full-time public interest law-related work.

*The internship may be client oriented, direct-service case work, either civil or criminal, such as enforcement work by government agencies or class action litigation by public interest law organizations, or cause-oriented advocacy, such as nonprofit organizations' policy development and advocacy of legislative and regulatory reforms.*

**To apply, you need not have located or secured an internship.** If you are selected as a fellow, LAPA and the Yale Law School Liman Program can help you find an internship in an area of your interest. Those selected as fellows will be expected to attend a Liman Colloquium at Yale Law School on March 1-2, 2012. *Fellows must also submit a final report about their experience at the conclusion of their internship by the specified deadline.*

### **ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION**

Any undergraduate (including current seniors) may apply for a fellowship. Any graduate student interested in a law-related work experience, except first-year MPP candidates, may apply whether or not you have a law degree. The summer stipend for undergraduates is \$3,000; for graduate students it is \$4,000. *A Liman Fellow may accept no other remuneration for work performed during this time.*

The application may be downloaded from the LAPA website at <http://lapa.princeton.edu/limanfellowship.php>, which also provides additional information about the program and reports from previous Liman fellows. The application and information packet may also be picked up from the LAPA Office at 416A Robertson Hall.



### **SELECTION PROCESS**

LAPA will name two graduate students and up to four undergraduates as 2012 recipients of Liman Fellow stipends. The Review Committee will evaluate all applications with special attention to whether an applicant has demonstrated merit and a past commitment to public service; has an interest or involvement with the legal system; has plans or ideas for pursuing these interests in the future, including realistic goals for securing a fellowship placement; and has indicated how the fellowship will enhance the candidate's academic and career interests.

**DUE DATE:** The completed application and supporting documents must be submitted to the LAPA Office, Room 416A Robertson Hall, by **noon on Monday, December 12, 2011.**



## 2012 INFORMATION OVERVIEW

### Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship

The Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship enables Princeton students to spend eight to ten weeks in public interest law-related service. The internship may be *client oriented*, *direct-service case work*, *either civil or criminal*, such as enforcement work by government agencies or class action litigation by public interest law organizations, or *cause-oriented advocacy*, such as non profit organizations' policy development and advocacy of legislative and regulatory reforms.

APPLICANTS NEED NOT HAVE IDENTIFIED OR SECURED AN INTERNSHIP BEFORE APPLYING. Selection for this honor is based upon a student's demonstrated commitment to public service.

#### **ABOUT ARTHUR LIMAN**

Arthur Liman served in a wide variety of public service positions. Although perhaps best known as an attorney in private practice, he accepted several calls to public service positions as well as performed a wide variety of pro bono service. He was chief counsel to the New York State Special Commission on Attica Prison; President of the Legal Aid Society of New York and of the Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem; Chair of the Legal Action Center in New York City; Chair of the New York State Capital Defender's Office; and Special Counsel to the United States Senate Committee Investigating Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition.

The fellowship bearing his name was endowed to honor Arthur Liman, Yale Law School Class of 1957, who personified the ideal of commitment to the public interest. Throughout his long and distinguished career, he demonstrated how dedicated lawyers in both public and private life can serve the needs of people and causes that might otherwise go unrepresented.

Initially established at Yale Law School in 1997 to encourage young people to pursue public service and further Arthur Liman's commitment to justice, the program expanded to include fellows from Barnard, Brown, Harvard, Spelman, and Yale, as well as Princeton. The law school coordinates the program and holds an annual conference each spring for Liman Fellows to meet each other and explore the meaning and impact of public interest law.

At Princeton University, the Program in Law and Public Affairs is grateful for the gift of the Liman Family, particularly Emily Liman, Princeton Class of 1985, which enables Princeton undergraduate and graduate students to participate in this program.

#### **THE INTERNSHIP**

Students selected as Fellows will perform full-time public interest law-related work lasting at least eight to ten weeks during the summer of 2012. The subject matter is not limited to any specific field, and thus, may range from civil rights and liberties to disability law and environmental protection, and beyond.

Each fellow should seek a position that offers a variety of learning experiences over the course of the summer, such that they gain significant exposure to issues of law and an understanding of how the legal system works. The work should allow a student to develop analytical thinking and research skills. At the conclusion of the internship, the fellow will write a report that explains how the internship affected his or her understanding of public interest law and future academic and career plans.

## **FINDING AN INTERNSHIP**

Students may initiate contact and accept an internship before applying for a fellowship or may apply without having located a position. Princeton will assist students selected as fellows to locate a position if they have not done so.

The best strategy for a student to locate an internship is to investigate opportunities with organizations working in an area of the student's demonstrated interest. There are several places to look for internships and summer placements, including the websites devoted to listing public service internships, Princeton's TigerTracks, and organizations where previous Liman Fellows worked. You can also consult with the people attending the Yale Liman Colloquium for ideas.

## **THE APPLICATION**

An application consists of the following:

- A completed form that may be downloaded from the LAPA website, including providing email addresses for two references who can comment on your interest in public interest law and on your academic background;
- A three to five page double-spaced essay explaining your motivation to work in public interest law; any prior experience in assisting individuals or advocating causes; examples of your commitment to public service; and your future aspirations; You should include a brief description of the area of law in which you are interested in working during the summer.
- A resume;
- A current academic transcript of your work at Princeton (it need not be an official transcript)
- IF you have a proposed internship, a description of the organization and your responsibilities. You may provide a letter of interest from the organization.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Review Committee will evaluate all applications with special attention to whether

- The applicant has demonstrated merit and a past commitment to public service; has an interest or involvement with the legal system and is making future plans to pursue these interests;
- The candidate has researched potential internships or has a clear interest and realistic goals concerning a summer placement;
- The application indicates how the fellowship will enhance the candidate's academic and career interests.

## **THE FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARD**

LAPA will announce the fellowship recipients in early February. Undergraduates will receive a \$3,000 stipend and graduate students will receive \$4,000. (Students eligible for Federal Work Study will receive an amount equal to their mandated cap.)

Recipients will be expected to attend a public interest law conference at Yale Law School scheduled for March 1-2, 2012. (All expenses will be paid to attend.)

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LAPA OFFICE,  
416A ROBERTSON HALL, BY 12:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12, 2011.**

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### **2012 AT A GLANCE**

#### **Key Dates**

**DEADLINE:** Monday, December 12, 2011 noon  
Submit applications to 416A Robertson Hall

Application period: November 14 through noon, December 12

Decision Announced: No later than February 1, 2012

Liman Colloquium at Yale University: March 1-2, 2012

Fellowship duration: Eight to ten weeks, Summer 2012

#### **Past Placement of Princeton Liman Fellows (partial listing):**

ACLU Foundation of Southern California's Jails Project, Los Angeles.  
Alliance for Justice, Washington, DC  
Beyondmedia Education, Chicago  
Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Little Rock  
Center for Community Alternatives, New York  
Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, NYU School of Law  
Human Rights First and Harper's Magazine (joint assignment)  
International Center for Transitional Justice  
Kansas Legal Services, Topeka  
Legal Action Center, New York  
Legal Aid Bureau, Annapolis  
Prison Visiting Project, Correctional Association of New York  
Tenants and Workers Support Committee, Alexandria  
Thelton Henderson Center for Social Justice, UC Berkeley School of Law  
The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia  
University Legal Services of Washington, D.C  
Work and Society, a public interest law and policy center in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

#### **For more Information:**



Yale Liman website: <http://www.law.yale.edu/intellectuallife/limanfaq.htm>

LAPA Liman site: <http://lapa.princeton.edu/limanfellowship.php>

LAPA contact: Associate Director Leslie Gerwin, [Lgerwin@princeton.edu](mailto:Lgerwin@princeton.edu)

**PROGRAM IN LAW AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS - PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**  
**ARTHUR LIMAN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**  
**2012 APPLICATION COVER PAGE**

*Please type or print neatly*

**Graduate Student**

**Undergraduate**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ PUID Number \_\_\_\_\_

For undergraduates: Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

For graduate students:

- Program (e.g. MPA, MPP, PhD) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_
- Field of Study (e.g. Public Policy, Sociology, Engineering)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Concentration within Field  
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Are you eligible for Federal Work Study:      Yes      No

College Address (include box # if applicable)	Home Address:
College or Mobile Phone:	Home Phone:

References (Name, Position or Title, and e-mail address)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Attach the following:

- A three to five page (**five-page MAX**) double-spaced essay explaining your motivation to work in public interest law; any prior experience in assisting individuals or advocating causes; examples of your commitment to public service; and your future aspirations. You should include a brief description of the area of law in which you are interested in working during the summer.
- A resume.
- A current academic transcript of your work at Princeton (It need not be an official transcript)
- IF you have a proposed internship, include a description of the organization and your responsibilities. (You may provide a letter of interest from the organization.)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Monday, December 12, 2011 at 12 noon, in 416A Robertson Hall**