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Disclaimer

It shall be the responsibility of the student to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the duration of the fellowship. FLAC shall incur no liability whatsoever in respect of any illness, injury or disability sustained by the student or in respect of loss or damage to property belonging to the student howsoever arising during the course of the fellowship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Applicants must be aged 18 or over.

Closing date: 6th February 2010

Completed applications and CVs should be forwarded to: FLAC, 13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1.



Helen Nolan, Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow 2009.

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APPLICATION FORM SUMMER 2010



Law Students!

Would you like the opportunity to work in an international public interest environment?

Every summer, **FLAC**, as part of the **Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship**, in conjunction with the **University of Washington, Seattle** sends an Irish law student to Seattle, Washington for two months to get first-hand experience in human rights and public interest cases.

The Fellowship will provide the successful candidate with:

- ◆ the chance to work in a public interest law environment;
- ◆ hands-on experience writing appellate briefs, interviewing prospective clients and involvement in consultations;
- ◆ the opportunity to attend law lectures on American and International Public Interest Law;
- ◆ the opportunity to enhance your knowledge of Comparative Law;
- ◆ the opportunity to interact with American law students working in public interest law;
- ◆ the Fellowship provides: **flights** plus **accommodation** plus **meals** plus an **allowance**.

Who can apply?

Law undergraduates, postgraduates, King's Inns students and Law Society students are eligible to apply for the Fellowship.

A shortlist of applicants will be selected for interview in February 2010. The Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

2009 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

Helen Nolan, a third year law student at Trinity College Dublin, was the successful candidate in 2009. She will be presented with her award by the Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness.

As part of the Fellowship, Helen spent eight weeks as a legal intern with the Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Much of Helen's time was spent working on *pro bono* issues in a large corporate firm, Foster Pepper, which had taken on many of the Appleseed's projects. Helen was involved in two particular projects during this period.

The first of these concerned access to transportation for low-income individuals in Washington. Helen researched how insurance rates are calculated, the power of the Insurance Commissioner to reform insurance law and alternatives to car ownership. Helen also examined the merits of using alternative data sources, such as utility bills, to improve credit scores for those with 'thin credit.'

In addition, Helen attended seminars in the University of Washington for law students who were working in legal internships over the summer term. As part of these seminars, she met judges, public prosecutors and defenders, bailiffs and others working in public law.

Application Form

Complete the following;

Attempt one of 1a, 1b or 1c.

- 1 a. Discuss the role of the courts in the enforcement of socio-economic rights in Ireland.
- b. Choose an article of the European Convention on Human Rights and discuss its impact on Irish law since the introduction of the ECHR Act, 2003
- c. Discuss the barriers to public interest litigation in Ireland and how the law could be reformed to overcome some of these barriers. **(1500 words approx.)**
2. Identify an area of Human Rights Law practiced in the United States which you think might have specific relevance for Irish lawyers and give your reasons. **(1,000 words approx.)**
3. Outline briefly your views on the aspect of FLAC's work which you believe to be the most effective. **(250 words approx.)**
4. Outline any experience you have of working for voluntary or non-governmental organisations. **(250 words approx.)**

Please enclose a comprehensive CV with details of one academic referee.

If you would like further information, contact FLAC head office on 01-8745690 or info@flac.ie

