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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: 4th February 2011

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



Jeff Walsh, Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow 2010.

THOMAS ADDIS EMMET FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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APPLICATION FORM SUMMER 2011



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 2011. The Honourable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

2010 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

Jeff Walsh, a law student at Trinity College Dublin, was the recipient of the Fellowship in 2010 and spent nine weeks working in Seattle as a legal intern with the Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Based in an office donated by Law firm, Riddell Williams, Jeff worked on three challenging projects. The first concerned the rights of pregnant and parenting girls in juvenile detention and involved compiling a 'know-your-rights' pamphlet outlining services and entitlements.

The second project surrounded the issue of access to education for homeless children. Jeff was responsible for making Freedom of Information requests to see if school districts were meeting their legal obligation of providing transport for homeless children to attend school.

The final project involved access to social security for the disabled. Appleseed has been preparing a syllabus for the CARES organisation which will be giving classes to people with disabilities on various topics such as the different benefits and supports available.

While in Seattle, Jeff attended classes at the University of Washington which were given by various professionals such as prosecutors, judges and police officers. This gave a first-hand view of the practical legal structure in Washington and the US as well as the differences between the US and Irish legal systems.

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: 01-887 3600 or info@flac.ie