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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: 8th February 2008**

Completed applications and CVs should be forwarded to:

FLAC, 13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1.



Claire McHugh receives her award from the Honourable Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness.

# THOMAS ADDIS EMMET FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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## APPLICATION FORM SUMMER 2008

# 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**.

*Further details overleaf.*

## 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 2008. The Honourable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

# 2007 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

**Claire McHugh**, a King's Inns Degree Course student, was the successful candidate in 2007. The Honourable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness presented Claire with her award at a reception in Trinity College on 15th October.

Claire spent the summer at Washington Appleseed, where she gained practical experience in public interest law. Appleseed is a non-profit organisation made up of a network of public interest law centres, which seek to address injustices in their communities, through education, legal advocacy, community activism and policy expertise. Washington Appleseed works with major law firms to find *pro bono* work that not only adds social value but also meets the needs of today's attorneys. It raises the profile of law and policy as mechanisms for social justice.

Claire worked with a team of *pro bono* lawyers to improve services and ensure adequate supports for pregnant and parenting teens who were exposed to the juvenile justice system, by liaising with the relevant authorities. She also helped update a report detailing how several states in the USA have funded pre-kindergarten education, from such resources as tobacco litigation settlement monies or gambling revenues.

Claire attended a weekly seminar at the University of Washington entitled "General Externship Perspectives" which gave interns insights into the practice of law in the U.S.

## Application Form

Complete the Following;

Attempt one of a, b or c.

- 1 a. Discuss, with reference to Article 40.1 of the Constitution, the notion of affirmative action/positive discrimination in Ireland.  
  
b. What is the future of socio-economic rights in the Irish Constitutional order?  
  
c. Analyse the likely impact of the ECHR Act, 2003, on Irish Law.  
**(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.**

