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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: Friday 15th February 2013

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



*Valerie O'Driscoll,  
2012 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow*

# THOMAS ADDIS EMMET FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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## APPLICATION FORM SUMMER 2013

# Law Students!

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

Every summer, **FLAC** in conjunction with the **University of Washington, Seattle**, sends an Irish law student as Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow 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 March 2013. The Honourable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

# 2012 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

**Valerie O'Driscoll** was the 2012 recipient of the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship. A final year BCL International student at University College Cork, Valerie spent eight weeks working in Seattle as a legal fellow in the Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Washington Appleseed is a non-profit which seeks to achieve social justice through working closely with community advocates and utilising *pro bono* resources. Valerie had the opportunity to work on a number of projects during her time in Seattle.

Valerie was primarily involved in research for a forthcoming Washington Appleseed School Disciplinary Report. The report covers the impact of Washington State school discipline policies on children and the community.

Other Washington Appleseed projects that Valerie worked on include the campaign against the death penalty in Washington State and research on the lack of mental health supports for school children.

As well as working with Appleseed, Valerie was a research assistant with Professor Walter Walsh in the University of Washington.

Valerie also attended classes at the University of Washington, which were given by a variety of different professionals in the legal field, from Supreme Court judges to law librarians to prosecutors and defence attorneys.

## Application Form

Complete the following;

Attempt one of either 1a, b or c and 2, 3 and 4

- 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 practised in the United States which you think might have specific relevance for Irish lawyers and give your reasons.  
**(1000 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](mailto:info@flac.ie)**

