Southern Illinois Health Care/Southern Illinois University
Medical Legal Partnership Master of Laws Fellowship

Through the generosity of Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH), lawyers can apply to receive a Master of Laws degree (LLM) in Health Law and Policy from the Southern Illinois University School of Law, while working with Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation as a SIH/SIU Medical Legal Partnership LLM Fellow. The Southern Illinois Medical Legal Partnership, founded in 2002 as one of the first in the nation, is a nationally award-winning rural collaboration, working with over 18 medical partners in 10 counties. The SIH/SIU MLP LLM Fellow will gain an in-depth understanding of the policies and regulations that affect the health care industry, while receiving practical experience eliminating barriers to health care by integrating legal assistance into the medical setting. The Fellowship is for one year, from the Fall 2015 semester through the Summer 2016 semester.

Applicants must have a Juris Doctor degree from an ABA accredited law school and have sat for a bar exam before the Fellowship start date. Applicants who are already licensed to practice in any state in the United States, and who have relevant practice experience, are preferred.

The LLM degree is 24 credit hours. The Fellow will enroll in 12 credit hours of health law related coursework throughout the year, with a potential to include relevant courses in other graduate departments at Southern Illinois University. In addition, the Fellow will be required to work in a semester-in-practice externship for 12 hours of course credit as part of the legal team for the Medical Legal Partnership of Southern Illinois. As part of the Fellow’s course work, an independent study resulting in a substantial paper of publishable quality is required, culminating in a presentation to the faculty and students of the School of Law. Presentation at professional and academic conferences outside of the university will be highly encouraged.

The SIH/SIU MLP LLM Fellowship covers in-state tuition and fees for the entire LLM degree (24 credit hours) at SIU School of Law. In addition, the Fellow will receive a scholarship of $3,500 in the Fall, $3,500 in the Spring, and $2,000 in the Summer term to help defray the cost of room and board.

The fellowship start date is August 24, 2015. For preferred review, submit completed LLM applications (found on-line at http://law.siu.edu/academics/degree-programs/llm-program/), as well as an additional letter indicating interest in the SIH/SIU MLP LLM Fellowship, by February 1, 2015.

Questions about the Fellowship can be directed to Michael Ruiz, Assistant Dean for Career Services and Special Programs, at mikeruiz@siu.edu or 618.453.8763.