



Institute *for*
Policy Integrity

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Legal Fellow

The Institute for Policy Integrity (www.policyintegrity.org) is seeking applicants for a one- to two-year legal fellowship with a focus on regulatory policy, including environmental justice and energy policy, as well as public health and consumer protection.

About Policy Integrity:

Policy Integrity is a non-partisan think tank housed at New York University School of Law and dedicated to improving the quality of government decisionmaking through legal advocacy and academic scholarship in the fields of administrative law, cost-benefit analysis, and public policy. Richard L. Revesz, dean emeritus of NYU Law School, is Policy Integrity's director. Policy Integrity's interdisciplinary mission focuses on the rational use of economic analysis in government decisionmaking and how tools like cost-benefit analysis and distributional analysis can improve policy design. Policy Integrity's docket covers a range of issue areas, with a particular emphasis on federal environmental protections and federal- and state-level electricity policies, as well as a steady stream of projects on public health and consumer protection.

Policy Integrity's successful advocacy outcomes—in which Legal Fellows have played key roles—include ensuring that agencies are required to consider the lost social benefits and other harms of any deregulatory actions; guiding state utility regulators on the need to value environmental externalities in energy policy decisions; convincing both federal and state courts to endorse the use of the social cost of carbon for monetizing avoided climate damages; prompting the Department of the Interior to analyze the option value of delaying offshore oil leases; and supporting states and Planned Parenthood in litigation over regulatory attempts to block federal funding for reproductive healthcare.

Past Legal Fellows have gone on to positions such as attorney-advisor in a federal agency's office of general counsel, director of an advocacy program at a major nonprofit organization, and assistant professor at a law school.

Responsibilities:

Legal Fellows may be assigned projects across a range of substantive areas or may be tasked to specialize in a key area depending on the fellow's experience and Policy Integrity's priorities. Legal Fellows work with Policy Integrity's economists, lawyers, and policy analysts to:

- draft amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit, and other courts in major policy cases;

- draft regulatory comments, petitions for rulemakings, and other formal submissions to federal and state agencies including state Public Utility Commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior, and the Department of Health and Human Services;
- advise other advocacy organizations on how to navigate regulatory impact analyses;
- supervise NYU Law School students on their projects in the Regulatory Policy Clinic; and
- publish academic articles and op-eds.

Benefits and Terms of Employment:

The salary is \$72,000 per year (with a possible cost-of-living increase for the second year). The [benefits](#) are generous and include, for example, several comprehensive insurance options as well as (after one year of employment) tuition remission eligibility and an automatic additional retirement contribution equal to 5% of base salary, plus another matching contribution of up to 5% more. Fellows also have access to academic enrichment opportunities at NYU Law School, including some faculty workshops, colloquia, and other scholarly forums.

The fellowships are designed as two-year positions, though they can be structured instead as one-year positions pre-clerkship. The start date is flexible, but ideally the fellow would start in late summer/early fall of 2022.

Qualifications:

- J.D., with superior academic achievement.
- 0–3 years of legal experience.
- Clerkships, litigation experience, legislative experience, or advanced degrees in relevant disciplines are valued, but not necessary.
- Applicants’ written materials will be reviewed to assess their professionalism, independent thinking, and persuasive writing skills, as well as their ability and willingness to absorb new subject matters in law and policy.

Policy Integrity is committed to a culture in which all people are welcomed, respected, supported, and valued to fully participate. We welcome and encourage applications from diverse applicants, and we consider multiple aspects of diversity. New York University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To Apply:

Send the following to megan.abron@nyu.edu, with “Legal Fellow Application” in the subject line:

- (1) a cover letter detailing your interest in the position or your relevant experience,

- (2) a brief statement (less than one page) on how your background or experiences would enhance the diversity, inclusivity, or perspectives of Policy Integrity,
- (3) a resume,
- (4) an official or up-to-date unofficial law school transcript,
- (5) one or two writing samples (with a strong preference for independently authored documents; blog posts, reports, public comments, or other relevant writings that showcase the applicant's writing skills and independent thinking are very welcome, as are more traditional articles, briefs, or memoranda), and
- (6) the names and contact information of three references.

Please send your application materials by November 1, 2021. Applications may be reviewed on a rolling basis.