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 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 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 guiding state utility regulators on the need to value environmental externalities in energy policy decisions; convincing the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold federal energy efficiency standards set by monetizing the 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 such positions 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, such as electricity law and policy, depending on the fellow’s interest and experience. 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, op-eds, and other literature.

Benefits and Terms of Employment:

The salary is competitive, and the benefits are generous. 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- or post-clerkship. The start date is flexible, but ideally the fellow would start in late summer/early fall of 2020.

Qualifications:

• J.D., with superior academic achievement;
• 0–3 years of legal experience; some specialized knowledge or experience in environmental law, administrative law, electricity law, public policy, or economics is strongly preferred;
• Clerkships, litigation experience, legislative experience, or advanced degrees in relevant disciplines are valued, but not necessary.

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:

Interested attorneys should send (1) a cover letter detailing your interest in the position and your relevant experience, as well as a brief optional statement on how your background or experiences would enhance the diversity, inclusivity, or perspectives of Policy Integrity, (2) a resume, (3) a law school transcript, (4) one or two writing samples (with a preference for independently authored articles, briefs, memoranda, blog posts, public comments, reports, or other relevant writings), and (5) the names of three references to christine.pries@nyu.edu, with “Legal Fellow Application” in the subject line.

Please send your application materials by February 21, 2020. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.