



Institute for
Policy Integrity
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Legal Fellow Positions

The Institute for Policy Integrity—a non-partisan think tank housed at New York University School of Law (www.policyintegrity.org)—is seeking applicants for a legal fellowship. Policy Integrity is 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 an emphasis on federal environmental protections and state-level electricity policies. Policy Integrity submits amicus briefs in federal courts on major environmental and energy cases, appears before state Public Utility Commissions, consults with advocacy organizations on how to navigate regulatory impact analyses, runs clinics at NYU Law School, and makes meaningful contributions to economic and legal scholarship.

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 influencing New York City’s adoption of life-saving air pollution standards for cleaner heating oil in buildings.

Legal Fellows work with Policy Integrity’s economists, lawyers, and policy analysts on all these tasks, including drafting amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit, and other courts; drafting regulatory comments, petitions for rulemakings, and other formal submissions to federal and state agencies; advising other advocacy organizations and guiding them through meeting with the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs; supervising NYU Law School students on their projects in the Regulatory Policy Clinic; and publishing academic articles, op-eds, and other literature. Legal Fellows may be assigned projects across this whole range of areas or may be tasked to specialize in a key area, such as energy policy, depending on the fellow’s interest and experience.

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.

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 between February–September 2019.

Qualifications: J.D., with superior academic achievement. 0–3 years of legal experience. Some specialized knowledge or experience in environmental law, energy law, administrative law, or

economics is strongly preferred, but not necessary. Clerkships, litigation experience, legislative experience, or advanced degrees in relevant disciplines are valued, but not necessary.

To Apply: Interested attorneys should send (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a law school transcript, (4) a writing sample, and (5) the names of three references to jason.schwartz@nyu.edu, with “Legal Fellow Application” in the subject line.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.