Georgetown Law established the OPICS Fellows Program in the Fall of 2010 to provide enhanced academic, career, and community support to students committed to pursuing public interest legal careers. The Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS) administers the program with oversight from the Faculty-Student Public Interest Committee. We invite you to become part of the third class of OPICS Fellows!

Key features of the Fellows Program include:

- **Public interest curriculum concentration** – OPICS Fellows pursue a specialized academic track, which is designed to be broad enough to allow for the study of a wide range of public interest issues. Each Fellow agrees to: 1) successfully complete at least one clinic, externship, or experiential learning class; 2) earn at least 15 upperclass credits from the public interest curriculum cluster; including at least one course in statutory and regulatory interpretation and 3) satisfy the upperclass writing requirement through a paper on a public interest topic (as approved by the Fellowship Director).

- **Specialized Career Development and Commitment** – Fellows are each assigned an upperclass peer or alumni mentor, enjoy informal faculty advising through a Faculty Tea series, and receive specialized career counseling from OPICS. Fellows agree to spend at least one summer interning with a public interest or government employer and fulfill the Pro Bono Pledge. In addition, first-year Fellows attend a peer-led discussion series that explores a range of curricular, career, and financial issues dealing with the transition to law school. Upperclass Fellows serve as mentors to first-year Fellows and participate in a number of “Give Back” programs.

- **Public Interest Community Building** – OPICS Fellows immediately become part of a community of similarly-committed students. OPICS hosts a variety of programs, such as an OPICS Fellows Orientation, to help establish that sense of community and encourage Fellows to provide support and guidance to each other. In addition, Fellows are expected to help enhance the overall public interest student community at Georgetown by, for example, becoming leaders in public interest student groups, helping promote the Pro Bono Pledge, and/or creating new pro bono or public interest projects.

- **Transcript Notation and Special Recognition at Graduation** - Public Interest Fellows who successfully complete all program requirements receive notations on their transcripts and certificates signed by the Dean at graduation.

If you have questions, or would like to speak to a current OPICS Fellow about the program, please email Katie Dilks at skd9@law.georgetown.edu.