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NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE

2008 ASYLUM/REFUGEE LAW FELLOWSHIP, Houston TX For Georgetown Law '06, '07 & '08 JD Graduates

Fellowship description: The Fellowship is a one-year, post-graduate position sponsored by Georgetown Law, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Georgetown/CLINIC Fellows represent noncitizen adults and children seeking political asylum and other relief in Immigration Court removal proceedings. The Fellowship is an excellent opportunity to develop hands-on litigation skills and build contacts within immigration reform and civil rights communities on the local and national levels, while serving low-income immigrants with compelling needs. The Fellow will be an employee of the Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston in Houston, TX. **The fellowship is open to Georgetown JD students graduating in 2008, and Georgetown law alumni with less than two years post-graduate experience.**

Terms and salary: The one year Fellowship will begin in September 2008 and continue through August 2009. The Fellow will be paid an entry-level Catholic Charities staff attorney salary, approximately \$40,000 per year, and receive full benefits, including health care, vacation, and the opportunity to attend local and national trainings. The fellow is also eligible for Georgetown's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

Selection criteria: Candidates should possess a good academic record and be independent self-starters with a commitment to immigrants' rights. **Experience in immigration law is preferred, proficiency in Spanish is required.** The ideal candidate would be capable of contributing to the Cabrini Center's mission, but membership in a particular religious denomination is not required. During the period of the Fellowship, the Fellow must supply his or her own car, and maintain a current driver's license, registration, and car insurance.

Application process: Applications will be accepted through **November 2, 2007**. Each applicant must submit a cover letter, resume, and list of references. In the cover letter, the applicant should explain what attracts him or her to the mission of the fellowship. Applications should be sent **by e-mail** to Wafa Abdin, Program Director, Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance, wabdin@catholiccharities.org, and copied to Barbara Moulton at moultonb@law.georgetown.edu. In the Subject line of the e-mail, please put "GULC Fellowship Application." Cabrini Center staff will consider applications and telephone interviews will be conducted in November. A final decision will be made shortly thereafter.

Information about the St. Francis Cabrini Center is available at <http://www.catholiccharities.org/ccimmigration.html#Legal>. Please inquire in OPICS if you have additional questions about the fellowship.