



Legal Intern Program
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Division of Enforcement

Who We Are:

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is an independent agency mandated to regulate commodity futures and options trading in the United States. Through oversight and regulation, the CFTC protects market participants against manipulation, abusive practices, and fraud. The Division of Enforcement investigates and prosecutes alleged violations of the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations by filing complaints in the U.S. District Court or to the agency's administrative law judges. Alleged criminal violations of the Commodity Exchange Act or violations of other Federal laws which involve commodity futures trading may be referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution. The Division also provides expert help and technical assistance with case development and trials to U.S. Attorneys' Offices, other Federal and state regulators, and international authorities. Additional information regarding the oversight responsibilities of the CFTC may be obtained by accessing the following link: [Commodity Futures Trading Commission Home Page](#).

Description of the Program:

The Division of Enforcement will hire up to twenty (20) second and third year law students to work as unpaid legal interns in its Washington, DC headquarters. Participants will work with the Division's trial teams from five (5) to twenty (20) hours per week. This internship will begin in February 2007 and end in April 2007. Primary duties will include: conducting legal research; writing memoranda; listening to audio and reviewing emails as part of ongoing investigations; aiding in the preparation of court pleadings and papers in the U.S. District Courts across the nation as well as in an administrative forum; aiding attorneys and investigators; working with investigative and trial exhibits; responding to Freedom of Information Act requests; aiding with the discovery process and interacting with and/or interviewing customers or investors with complaints. Interns will have the opportunity to attend Industry/Legal/Technical Training Programs alongside CFTC staff on such topics as futures trading, electronic markets, energy derivatives, international futures markets and regulation, FOREX, and trade practices.

Although interns are not employees of the CFTC, they are required to abide by the rules of the Commission's Code of Conduct pertaining to, among other things, futures transactions, conflicts of interest, and the confidential nature of information obtained in their work at the CFTC.

Qualifications:

Applicants should possess strong writing and analytical skills, and preferably, possess experience with financial instruments – commodities, derivatives, securities, and foreign currencies. All

applicants with an interest in financial regulation, investigation, and complex civil litigation are welcomed and encouraged to apply.

A student advisor is required to certify an Interns participation in this program. The student advisor will also ensure that the appropriate credit is given to the Intern for participating in this program if offered by their law school.

Applicants **must be U.S. Citizens** or a **citizen of a member allied country** as defined by the U.S. Department of State.

How to Apply:

Interested students should submit:

- A cover letter;
- Resume;
- Five (5) to ten (10) page legal writing sample;
- Law school transcript; and a
- List of current courses.

To:

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Application materials may also be sent via email to lgardy@cftc.gov or via facsimile at (202) 418-5519.

Applications must be received by COB Friday, January 19, 2007.

Questions:

Contact Ms. Gardy at (202) 418-5354.