

What is the Fellowship?

The Fellowship, which is funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, permits one Fellow each year to spend one year in residence at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City, working closely with the General Counsel to Vera and her staff on legal issues faced by Vera. In addition, the Fellow will be deployed to Vera's various projects and programs to address the legal, business, and organizational issues confronted by these projects and programs.

A Fellowship at Vera will provide a recent law school graduate with exposure to an unusually wide variety of legal and organizational issues encountered by nonprofit organizations. It also will provide the opportunity to identify an emerging or changing area of law with particular significance for nonprofits, and to explore that area in depth, examining it in the real-life context of a complex, legally-sophisticated organization.

Terms and Salary

The term of the Fellowship is one year. Fellows are funded annually at a salary of \$47,000 plus benefits.

Who can be a Fellow?

This year, one Fellowship will be awarded to a graduate of an accredited U.S. law school. Fellows are selected for their scholarship, leadership, and commitment to practicing in the field of nonprofit law. Fellows will be selected without regard to the applicant's race, color, religion, gender, political beliefs, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation.

Selection Process

The selection process consists of a written application and interviews of final candidates. The timetable is as follows:

Application Deadline

December 4, 2009



Finalists Selected

December 2009



Interviews Conducted

January 2010



Fellow Commences Work

September 2010

National Center on Philanthropy and the Law

The National Center on Philanthropy and the Law was established at New York University School of Law in 1988 to explore a broad range of legal issues affecting the nation's nonprofit sector, the largest voluntary sector in the world. Participating in this program are legal scholars, practicing attorneys, judges, law students, executives, and other professionals engaged in this field.

The Center promotes free intellectual inquiry that concentrates on the legal aspects of the organization and operation of charitable and social welfare entities. Conferences, research projects, a growing library, and the creation of a bibliography on nonprofit law, as well as law school courses, all are being used by the Center to produce and disseminate scholarship and to educate the legal and charitable communities about the many important issues of law affecting this large and vital sector.

Vera Institute of Justice

The Vera Institute of Justice is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to making government policies and practices more fair, humane, and efficient for all people. Working in collaboration with government and local communities, Vera designs and implements innovative pro-

grams that encourage just practices in public services and improve the quality of urban life.

Vera operates the programs it designs only during their demonstration stage. When they succeed, these demonstrations lead to the creation of new government programs, the reform of old ones, or the establishment of new nonprofit organizations to carry on Vera's innovations. For over 40 years, Vera's pioneering projects and research in criminal justice and social reform have provided practical solutions to urgent problems in cities throughout the country and around the world.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund is a private, philanthropic foundation created in 1940 as a vehicle through which the five sons and daughter of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. could share a source of advice and research on charitable activities and combine some of their philanthropies to better effect. Since then, its grantmaking programs have been shaped by the involvement of three generations of Rockefeller family members and by the traditions of the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation, which merged with the Fund in 1999.

The Fund's major objective is to promote the well-being of all people through support of efforts in the United States and abroad that contribute ideas, develop leaders, and encourage institutions in the transition to global interdependence.

To Apply

Online applications are available at: www.law.nyu.edu/ncpl.

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