

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE  
FULL OR PART-TIME VOLUNTEER LAW INTERN, SPRING 2021**

The Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce (OCC-IC), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC, seeks two full-time volunteer law interns for Spring 2021.

OCC-IC provides legal advice and support to the International Trade Administration (ITA) on international trade, investment, export promotion, tariffs, data privacy, cybersecurity, the Committee on Foreign Investment into the United States (CFIUS), and antitrust matters. International Commerce attorneys work closely with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the State Department, the Treasury Department, various other government agencies, and the private sector. Our attorneys focus on a wide range of legal topics in their support of ITA's work. Some highlights include:

**Multilateral and Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreements:** Providing advice on interpretation, application, and enforcement of the World Trade Organization agreements, as well as regional and bilateral free trade agreements like the USMCA; and supporting and participating in multilateral and bilateral negotiations related to international trade, intellectual property rights, and cross-border investment.

**Bringing Down Trade Barriers:** Advising ITA on addressing barriers to U.S. exports and foreign investment, including foreign infringement of U.S. intellectual property rights. We work with ITA to determine the nature of the barrier, the applicable international legal requirements, and the legal and policy tools available to address the barrier.

**Promoting U.S. Exports:** Providing legal support to the U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service and other parts of ITA in promoting U.S. exports through trade missions and other activities.

OCC-IC works to ensure that interns have meaningful and interesting assignments that include client contact and participating in interagency meetings. Each intern will be assigned a supervisor, who will meet with the intern on a regular basis to discuss progress. Spring interns must commit to working for at least 16 hours a week for 8-10 weeks. Candidates able to work more hours or full-time will be given preference.

Candidates who are interested in a unique international law experience, and who have a background or demonstrated interest in international trade and investment law, are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have completed at least one year of law school before commencing the internship. Since this is an unpaid position, candidates should inquire of their law school as to whether funding or financial aid would be available to them while working as an intern in OCC-IC. An applicant must be a U.S. citizen to be considered.

If interested, please e-mail (do not send by regular mail) your cover letter, resume, a five-to-ten page writing sample (preferably on an international law subject), a letter with a list of at least three references, and a law school transcript to: [occic@doc.gov](mailto:occic@doc.gov). To expedite the handling of your application, please indicate "**Spring 2021 Internship**" in the subject matter area of your correspondence. Please do not include your date of birth and social security information.

Application deadline for the Spring 2021 Internship: **September 30, 2020**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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