VENABLE LLP
PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

**Purpose:** Due to the generous support of the law Firm Venable, LLP and under the leadership of partner and Law School adjunct faculty member March Vecchio ’85, Columbia Law School offers a funded public interest fellowship for first year law students. The Venable Fellow will receive a stipend that supplements their Guaranteed Summer Funding (GSF) earnings to work in an otherwise unpaid internship for ten weeks over the course of their summer.

**Stipend:** The Venable, LLP Fellow will be awarded a stipend of $4,400 at the beginning of their summer in addition to their GSF earnings of $5,600 for total of $10,000(before taxes) for their summer.

**Eligibility:** The fellowship will be awarded to a Columbia Law School student in the J.D. program class of 2021 who demonstrates a commitment to public interest, is registered for the Guaranteed Summer Funding Program, and has secured a placement.

**Application Requirements (Submit via Symplicity by 3pm Monday, April 15):**
1. Application cover sheet.
2. A separate typed document with your responses to the questions listed on the application cover sheet.
3. A copy of your résumé.
NAME: ____________________________________________

LOCAL ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________

LOCAL PHONE NUMBER: ___________________________ EMAIL: ______________________

NAME OF ORGANIZATION AT WHICH YOU WILL BE AN INTERN:
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ORGANIZATION LOCATION (CITY AND STATE):
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NUMBER OF WEEKS OF INTERNSHIP/ NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK:
____________________________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Submit to Social Justice Initiatives no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019 via Symplicity (43687)

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Demonstration of Serious Interest in Public Interest Law Work:** Describe your interest in the practice of public interest law and the relationship of the summer employment you will seek to this interest. Be as specific as possible. Indicia of interest include, but are not limited to: past summer or other employment (law or non-law), volunteer positions, courses taken, papers written, student activities in college and/or the Law School. If you have not had an opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to public service, describe your interest and explain any circumstances that deterred you from participation in such activities in the past. (1 page)

**Any Other Information (Optional):** Briefly provide any additional information you would like to have considered in the selection process. (½ page maximum)