DMO Chief Counsel Unit Legal Internship Program

U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission - Division of Market Oversight

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is a federal agency. We seek to promote the integrity, resilience, and vibrancy of the U.S. derivatives markets through sound regulation. These markets include futures, options, and swap markets. This internship opportunity is available in the CFTC’s Division of Market Oversight’s (DMO) Office of the Chief Counsel. DMO is regularly involved in addressing many complex and high-profile issues affecting domestic and international financial markets. The Chief Counsel’s Unit provides legal and policy advice regarding all issues affecting DMO policy and oversight of derivatives markets, including overseeing rulemaking and staff action documents.

This position is an unpaid legal internship or externship for credit for the summer of 2021. Interns gain hands-on experience helping attorneys in the Chief Counsel’s Unit address important CFTC legal matters. Assignments may include drafting new or revised regulations, recommending acceptable practices, and crafting no-action letters and policy statements, as well as extensive legal research and analysis of market-related issues and trends. The intern may also have the opportunity to participate in internal and external meetings and training programs with CFTC staff and industry leaders in the markets we oversee.

Criteria for the Legal Interns:

DMO is offering full time or part time internship or externship opportunities for current Juris Doctor (JD) students who have completed at least one year of study at an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited law school, or current LLM students. The CFTC is an equal opportunity employer.

Any of the following qualifications are beneficial:

1. Law review or journal membership;
2. Previous legal internship/clerkship;
3. Moot court, mock trial, trial team, or Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) membership;
4. Participation in clinical programs or internships/externships;
5. Graduate degree in finance, economics, accounting or other relevant business specialty;
6. Under-graduate major in finance, economics, accounting or other relevant business specialty; or
7. Experience in derivatives, investment banking, commercial banking, trading, or taxation.
How to Apply

Please send the following application materials to DMOInternshipProgram@CFTC.gov with the subject “CCU Summer 2021 Internship – Last Name, First Name”:

- Cover letter
- Resume;
- Recent legal writing sample; and
- Unofficial school transcript.
- Optional: Students may include additional documentation to support their candidacy, such as undergraduate transcripts.

Please submit application materials by April 5, 2021. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.