



Market Review Legal Internship Program

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

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is a federal agency. We protect market users and their funds, consumers, and the public from fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to derivatives and other products that are subject to the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and the CFTC's implementing regulations. These products include futures, options, and swaps. Attorneys in the Market Review Branch of the Division of Market Oversight (DMO) assist the CFTC in its oversight of trading facilities, such as swap execution facilities (SEFs), designated contract markets (DCMs), and foreign boards of trade (FBOTs), including reviewing registration applications of new entities and ensuring compliance with applicable requirements by those entities after their registration by reviewing new and amended trading rules filed by the entities. Market Review addresses many complex, interesting, and high-profile issues affecting domestic and international financial markets.

This position is an unpaid legal internship or externship for credit for the summer of 2021. Interns learn and gain hands-on experience while helping Market Review attorneys address important CFTC legal matters. Assignments may include drafting new or revised regulations, reviewing the trading rule filings of registered entities, working with Market Review attorneys on the extensive review of the applications by registered entities to become a DCM, SEF, or FBOT, legal research and writing on legal and market-related issues. The intern may also have the opportunity to participate in internal and external meetings and training programs with CFTC staff.

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 “Market Review Summer 2021 Internship – Last Name, First Name”:

- Cover letter
- Resume;
- Recent legal writing sample; and
- Unofficial school transcript.

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