GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF POLICE COMPLAINTS

Law Student Internships

The District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints (OPC) is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated law school students to work as law school interns. OPC is an independent government agency that receives, investigates, and resolves citizen complaints of police misconduct filed against Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers. OPC provides an independent and impartial forum for the processing of police misconduct complaints and promotes the highest attainable standard of integrity, professionalism, and accountability in the District's police department.

Law school interns work alongside experienced staff on a variety of projects. The primary duties of law school interns are to (1) conduct legal research and write legal memoranda on issues related to police misconduct and the operations of the agency; (2) conduct best practices research and draft proposals for police reform; and (3) work with MPD, attorneys, advocacy groups, and local and federal agencies on issues affecting police accountability.

Fall/Spring interns must commit to 15 hours per week to be considered for the program. Fall and spring internships are unpaid, but can be done in conjunction with a course for academic credit. **Summer positions** are paid and interns must commit to working at least 40 hours per week to be considered for the program.

Applicants should have strong research, writing, and interpersonal skills, and be able to work with diverse populations. Courses in government, public policy, civil rights, and criminal justice are viewed favorably, as are foreign language skills (especially Spanish). Law school interns also should have strong legal research, analysis, and writing skills, and be familiar with electronic legal research databases. Applications, which should include a brief cover letter, résumé, transcript, and writing sample, may be faxed to 202-727-7638, or mailed to:

Law School Intern Program
Office of Police Complaints
1400 I Street, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005

For more information about OPC and the internship program, please contact the office at 202-727-3838, or visit OPC's website at www.policecomplaints.dc.gov.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR 2010: Spring – February 12, 2010
Summer – April 2, 2010
Fall – July 30, 2010