

Freedom of Information Clearinghouse
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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE ASSISTANT
PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR LAW STUDENTS**

Part-Time Position -- Open Until Filled – Summer and Fall Positions Available
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Public Citizen Litigation Group, founded in 1972, is a public interest law firm that specializes in federal health and safety regulation, consumer litigation, open government, union democracy, separation of powers, and the First Amendment. Litigation Group lawyers litigate cases at all levels of the federal and state judiciaries and have argued 47 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Recognizing that meaningful citizen participation depends on access to information, the Litigation Group has, from its inception, actively represented (and informally advised and assisted) a wide variety of public interest organizations, journalists, and other individuals in their quest for information from the government.

Together with Ralph Nader's Center for the Study of Responsive Law, Public Citizen runs the Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, which provides technical and legal assistance to individuals, public interest groups, and members of the media who seek access to information held by government agencies. The Clearinghouse is directed by a Litigation Group staff attorney and addresses issues arising under the federal Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, state open records laws, and common-law and constitutional doctrines concerning open-court records.

The Clearinghouse is looking for a law student to assist its Director. The assistant will draft advice letters to individuals who seek assistance from the Clearinghouse and will update the Clearinghouse's website, which provides extensive information on the Freedom of Information Act to the public. The assistant will also assume other duties as assigned by the Director, which may include engaging in research related to ongoing litigation. The assistant will be expected to work approximately 10 hours per week and will be paid \$12 per hour.

The application should include a cover letter, resume, and writing sample, and should be directed to Adina Rosenbaum at the address above. In addition to proficiency in legal writing, applicants should have an interest in public interest work. Experience or interest in web design would also be an asset, but is not required. We encourage applicants to consult www.citizen.org/litigation for more information on the work of the Litigation Group and the Freedom of Information Clearinghouse. Minorities and women are particularly encouraged to apply.