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# **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Office of Enforcement Division of Investigations 2L Summer Program**

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Enforcement, Division of Investigations (the Division), is seeking exceptional candidates interested in the energy sector and a litigation-oriented regulatory enforcement practice.

## **The Division's Recruiting Program**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, is an independent agency that regulates the interstate transmission of wholesale electricity and natural gas. For more information about the agency or any of its offices, please visit our website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov).

The Division is recruiting second-year law students only. Selection for and participation in the program is challenging. The experience will remain with you throughout your legal career.

Part of the Office of Enforcement, the Division investigates possible violations of energy statutes and Commission regulations, including market manipulation, and where appropriate, prosecutes violations in administrative proceedings and United States District Courts. In addition, the Division:

- Drafts rulemakings and no-action letters; and
- Advises the Commission on matters pertaining to investigations, enforcement, and compliance.

## **A Challenging and Rewarding Experience**

The program provides great opportunities to:

- Witness how the US government decides to open and conduct investigations;
- Learn about the technical, financial, and legal complexities of the financial and physical energy markets;
- Learn how investigations evolve into prosecutions and what is expected of lawyers representing the United States;
- Improve your legal research and writing skills;
- Witness the development of energy policy as it happens;
- “Own” assignments and produce quality work product within short deadlines;
- Receive mentoring from attorneys with diverse backgrounds, including careers in public service, law firm practice, and the financial industry, as well as from economists and other experts with backgrounds in the power trading and natural gas industries; and
- Be at the center of one of the nation’s most important issues.

Members of the program assist in virtually all aspects of investigations, including fact-finding, legal research, and drafting a variety of legal documents. Members of the program may also participate in depositions, settlement conferences, and meetings with opposing counsel.

In addition to this practical experience, the program offers a variety of training experiences. The Division offers numerous in-house seminars and workshops on energy law and policy, conducted by leading practitioners and industry experts. Participants also have the opportunity to participate in lunches, field trips to energy-related facilities, and other programs focused on the summer experience. The position offers pay and benefits.

## **Requirements**

ONLY candidates meeting the following requirements are eligible for the Division’s Recruiting Program:

- U.S. citizens;
- Students attending law schools accredited by the American Bar Association; and

- Students who anticipate receiving a JD degree in the spring of 2012 and sitting for a bar examination in the summer of 2012.

Candidates who cannot satisfy these requirements due to special circumstances, such as the pursuit of a joint degree, will be considered on a case by case basis. Such candidates should describe the special circumstances in a cover letter.

Candidates must demonstrate superb academic achievement in their undergraduate and graduate education. Participation in law review, law journal, moot court, mock trial, or a law clinic is highly preferred. A demonstrated interest in the energy field and professional experience is preferred, but not required. Due to the complex technological and financial structure of the energy sector, candidates should be comfortable learning basic economic, engineering, and financial concepts; however, previous exposure to these areas is not required.

### **How to Apply**

Interested candidates must e-mail a resume to [OE-DOIRECRUITMENT@FERC.GOV](mailto:OE-DOIRECRUITMENT@FERC.GOV). Cover letters are optional. Transcripts, references, and writing samples will only be required if a candidate is selected for an interview. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2010.